

**Leeds Local Offer Live 2024**  
Thursday 21st March 2024  
10am till 2pm at Pudsey Civic Hall

Leeds Local Offer Live is an annual marketplace event that provides parents, carers and professionals the opportunity to find out about SEND services in Leeds.

The 2024 event took place on Thursday 21st March 2024, 10am till 2pm at Pudsey Civic Hall.

The event had the capacity for 58 service stalls.

**Services**

58 services booked a stall at the event, with 55 attending on the day.

Information about all services in attendance can be found on the Leeds Local Offer website at [www.leedslocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.leedslocaloffer.org.uk)

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| * Learning Disability Service * Eye clinic * ICAN * Children’s Speech and Language Therapy * Leeds Children’s Hearing Service * Mind Mate Support Team * Kooth * Deaf Experiences * Supported Internships, Employment & Skills * Home from Home Care * People Matters * Scope Career Pathways * West Leeds Activity Centre * Future Horizons Leeds * Go Higher West Yorkshire * Supported Internships, Leeds City College * Purple Patch Arts * Leeds Local Offer * Leeds Parent Carer Forum * Health Facilitation Team * Teen Connect and Safezone * Through the maze * William Merritt Centre * Lighthouse Play Therapy * Henry 5 to 12 * SENSE specialist services for young people * West Yorkshire ADHD support group | * Carers Leeds * Lotus Links * Little Hiccups * Leeds Mencap * Kinship * SNAPS * Irwin Mitchell * West Yorkshire CANN * Life Without Limits * Scope Family Services * Scope Disability Energy and Utility Support * Welfare Rights * Leeds SENDIASS * Transitions Team, Leeds City Council * Energise by Endorphins * Lighthouse Futures Trust * Short Breaks, Leeds City Council * Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme (ASAS) * Leeds Weekend Care Association * Leeds Libraries * Leeds Museums and Galleries * Breeze Leeds * Northern Ballet * No Limits Ltd * Accessible Inclusive Music * Leeds Rhinos Foundation * Beamsley Project |

Services rated the overall event as good and recognised the changes that had been implemented following feedback from the 2023 event.

Services feedback that the event provided them with the opportunity to speak to families and other services about the service they offer, and also provided them the opportunity to learn about other services.

Suggestions for improvements:

* Provide marketing material so we can promote the event.
* Support parents / carers to attend.
* A more central venue or move around the city.
* Free refreshments.

**Attendees**

The event was promoted to families via:

* the Leeds Local Offer facebook group,
* parent carer support group facebook pages,
* on local community facebook pages,
* schools (primary, secondary and specialist)
* Child Friendly Leeds social media channels,
* The Leeds Local Offer network.

109 parents / carers and 59 professionals attended the event, totally 168 in attendance.

The majority of attendees found out about the event either via facebook or school.

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| Facebook | 36% |
| School | 25.6% |
| Word of mouth | 18.6% |
| Other | 17% |

Overall attendees rated the event as good, and really valued being able to speak to a wide range of SEND services.

Feedback from attendees:

*“Run event for longer so attendees can attend all workshops and have time to visit the stalls.”*

*“The environment was challenging, it wasn’t neuro-affirming.”*

*“Highlight the age range for services.”*

*“The event was useful and well organised.”*

*“This type of event is crucial for families, keep it going.”*

**Workshops**

During this year’s event we hosted three workshops for attendees:

* A graduated approach and EHC assessments (education)
* Child Health and Disability Service (social care)
* Mental health support in Leeds (health)

The workshops were well attended, and feedback included:

“Really great talks, thank you.”

“Informative and useful.”

“Mental health workshop to have a SEND focus.”

“Excellent, thank you.”

**Learning for the 2025 event**

* Promote via facebook adverts.
* Share promotional material directly with services in attendance.
* Include age range for services in visitor guide and also on stall signs.
* Explore extending the event to include a 2pm till 3pm slot for professionals.
* An alternative venue that offers better acoustics and is more central.