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| **Leeds Local Offer (SEND) Ebulletin – April 2025** |
| Leeds SEND Local Offer logoWelcome to the April 2025 edition of the Leeds Local Offer ebulletin. The ebulletin is an opportunity for us to share with you an update for the Leeds Area SEND and AP Partnership Board, service updates, opportunities and events for children, young people, parents, carers and professionals. We encourage you to share the information within your teams and with children, young people and families you are working with. * [Service updates](#_Service_Updates)
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Previous editions of the ebulletin can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/LLObulletin> If you have any stories, service updates, groups or events that you would like us to feature in a future issue you can send them to me at LLO@leeds.gov.uk.  |
| **Service updates / information** |
| **Independent Travel Training (ITT)**The Independent Travel Training  (ITT) Team at Leeds City Council are excited to launch their brand-new video, created to support young people with additional needs and their families who are thinking about taking part in travel training. The video features families of students who have taken part in ITT, sharing their real-life experiences and the positive impact it has had on their children’s independence. It also includes insights from the travel training team, answering common questions and concerns that families and young people may have. **What is ITT?**ITT is a service that offers eligible young people and adults training and support if they want to learn how to travel independently between home and school or college.We understand that taking the first step towards independent travel can be a big decision. This video is designed to offer clear, honest, and practical information to help you feel informed and reassured. [Watch the video now and discover how ITT could benefit you or your child by clicking here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DTadsLsB5bNU&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7C153a6776ba804b994a8c08dd656b2b63%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638778233131532423%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KOiPOUGsKIDYb%2FFpVuIPDzyrjBhqttSM4ipZZPMK268%3D&reserved=0)If you would like your child to take part in ITT and want to see if they are eligible, please contact Independent Travel Training Leeds ITTLeeds@leeds.gov.uk. |
| **Leeds MindMate Neurodiversity information hub: new content**MindMate our excited to share their newly structured, detailed content about [autism](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmindmate.org.uk%2Fnd%2Fwhat-is-nd%2Fautism%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cc8a881eaf8e84d07bf1808dd5b3ad7e8%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638767030505715753%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QIQPGWN8tIcrEUXAXMgHSoHwdhjq%2BxOiSe75aXOg%2BqA%3D&reserved=0) on the [Neurodiversity Information Hub](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mindmate.org.uk%2Fnd&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cc8a881eaf8e84d07bf1808dd5b3ad7e8%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638767030505745201%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=u1H3Bg8M5OiIEZhv8Pwsy4LxLbWWVvTQNRObAXiZrOU%3D&reserved=0), the one stop digital information resource for neurodivergence in children and young people across Leeds, and beyond. Updates include:* [Autism - MindMate](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmindmate.org.uk%2Fnd%2Fwhat-is-nd%2Fautism%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cc8a881eaf8e84d07bf1808dd5b3ad7e8%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638767030505766404%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=l1eGFQt0Ts9AyuHINKhdvCPf7TQLBW3cjp1edNPHkF4%3D&reserved=0) – introduction to autism, including our ***downloadable* ‘quick guide’**, and book recommendations and recommended external links.
* [Autism and Communication - MindMate](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmindmate.org.uk%2Fnd%2Fwhat-is-nd%2Fautism%2Fautism-and-communication%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cc8a881eaf8e84d07bf1808dd5b3ad7e8%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638767030505783863%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BFWGncYkaUMihh4hE6X3VgPxtcezVFvVmBMkJ4z2Ec4%3D&reserved=0) – detailed, **neuro-affirming** information on autistic communication and social interaction styles.
* [Autism strengths and challenges - MindMate](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmindmate.org.uk%2Fnd%2Fwhat-is-nd%2Fautism%2Fautism-strengths-and-challenges%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cc8a881eaf8e84d07bf1808dd5b3ad7e8%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638767030505802690%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2l4G%2FkwVph3rqhN0lkmUf9gyJs7scwjwH8ztx4iqe0E%3D&reserved=0) – including ***downloadable* ‘iceberg’** posters showing potential externalised and internalised strengths and challenges experienced in autism.
* [Autism and sensory processing - MindMate](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmindmate.org.uk%2Fnd%2Fwhat-is-nd%2Fautism%2Fautism-and-sensory-processing%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cc8a881eaf8e84d07bf1808dd5b3ad7e8%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638767030505816159%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sGl5JQYgWKpmfIUbjtYOIkdPKIw8riWTWog2H39lcc0%3D&reserved=0) – sensory processing differences in autism, with a link to our detailed [Sensory processing & ND - MindMate](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmindmate.org.uk%2Fneurodiversity-information-hub%2Fneurodiversity-characteristics%2Fsensory-processing-nd%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cc8a881eaf8e84d07bf1808dd5b3ad7e8%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638767030505830741%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=kfZsNMG%2B7WbFU4zXtIKnguCAizj7%2F22OghDrN%2BjKMZs%3D&reserved=0) page.
* [Autism emotions and anxiety - MindMate](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmindmate.org.uk%2Fnd%2Fwhat-is-nd%2Fautism%2Fautism-emotions-and-anxiety%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cc8a881eaf8e84d07bf1808dd5b3ad7e8%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638767030505844717%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MXRYirxhX%2BFSYjtHOeFA8WPfnXdXQICNYhXEtwrdN7Y%3D&reserved=0) – find out more about **emotions and anxiety** in autistic individuals and support strategies.
* [Autism assessment and diagnosis - MindMate](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmindmate.org.uk%2Fnd%2Fwhat-is-nd%2Fautism%2Fautism-assessment-and-diagnosis%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cc8a881eaf8e84d07bf1808dd5b3ad7e8%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638767030505857558%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=65t0tHCixOETNJXPZPAktYBy9q6vi6S4MjxZyHWZb%2B0%3D&reserved=0) – assessment and diagnosis of autism, with a link to our [ND assessment and diagnosis - MindMate](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmindmate.org.uk%2Fnd%2Fneurodevelopmental-assessment-in-leeds%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cc8a881eaf8e84d07bf1808dd5b3ad7e8%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638767030505871428%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Ccq0eWub%2FkFuN5dAW%2BByAtXfHXjpRMMbpqQd%2BEFckQ0%3D&reserved=0) page.

If you have any feedback about the ND Info Hub, please do complete the feedback [survey](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.membra.co.uk%2FExperienceLCH%2Fs%2FSurveyIntro.aspx%3FLang%3DEN%26%26ID%3Db2222fac-50a6-4fd9-8a8c250121115228%26%26bsl%3D0&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cc8a881eaf8e84d07bf1808dd5b3ad7e8%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638767030505883805%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yuMw1hIkd4b%2F53cp6hUX0qrQTtQaGT2RLe7OxNOyUIE%3D&reserved=0).  |
| **Supported Internships**Do you have a special educational need and/or a disability?Are you aged 16-24 with an EHCP?Would you like to take the next steps towards meaningful employment?A supported internship might be for you. Supported internships are meaningful work placements, supported by a job coach and education provider, with the aim paid employment. To find out more [watch the video](https://youtu.be/xaQGYXV7dsE), visit the [Leeds Local Offer website](https://www.leedslocaloffer.org.uk/preparing-adulthood/careers-jobs-and-volunteering) and email esemployers@leeds.gov.uk |
| **Men’s mental health: a conversation** [Listen to the latest podcast](https://mindmate.org.uk/mens-mental-health-a-conversation/) from MindMate Leeds: Men’s Mental Health: A conversation.MindMate Ambassadors Kaiden and Feli talk with Damian, who runs the Men’s Health Unlocked Project, about what interests in them in men’s mental health and why it is so important. |
| **Events and groups for families** |
| **Virtual Leeds Local Offer Live** The Leeds Local Offer website provides information about services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers in one place. Leeds Local Offer Live is a market place event that provides families with the opportunity to find out more about SEND services in Leeds. Following the 2025 Leeds Local Offer Live event we have created a ‘virtual’ version of the event for families who were unable to attend. Visit our [virtual Leeds Local Offer Live](https://tinyurl.com/VirtualLLOLive2025) to hear about the services in attendance at this years event. |
| **SEND parent carer monthly information drop-in**A monthly drop in for parents and carers to speak to services to receive information and advice about what is available in Leeds to support their family.* Leeds Local Offer
* SENDIASS
* Leeds Parent Carer Forum
* Carers Leeds
* Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
* Leeds Speech and Language Service

**Dates and times of drop in*** Wednesday 2nd April, 10.30 till 12.30 at NSPCC, 5th Floor, St John’s Offices, Albion Street, LS2 8LQ
* Wednesday 21st May, 10.30 till 12.30 at Plus Net, 17 Marlborough Street, Leeds, LS1 4PE (free parking)

Each drop in will host a workshop for parents and carers. If you require further information about the drop in sessions please email LLO@leeds.gov.uk or join the Leeds Local Offer [facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/leedslocaloffer/?locale=en_GB). |
| **SEND Next Choices: getting ready for adult life**Tuesday 24th June 2025 at Leeds First Direct ArenaThis event will bring together a wide range of organisations who can answer your queries about what to do next if you have a special educational need and/or a disability. Find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, supported internships, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, benefits and organisations who can help you.Young people, parents, carers, teachers and support workers are all welcome![Book your free ticket here.](https://www.universe.com/events/send-next-choices-getting-ready-for-adult-life-2025-tickets-4FKVW6?utm_source=schools+and+councillors&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=SEND25)  |
| **SNAPS Superhero Challenge*** Sunday, 29th June 2025
* 10.30am to 12.30pm
* John Charles Centre for Sport, Middleton Grove, Leeds
* Registration: [click here to register](https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/TheSNAPSSuperheroChallenge2025)

This accessible and inclusive ‘fun run’ style family event gives children with additional needs the chance to feel like a superhero for the day. All ages and abilities are welcome, and child can decide on their own distance target around the 400m athletics track. Those requiring an accessibility aid such as a wheelchair, walker or pushchair can also wheel their way around.All children will be cheered on to the finish line where they will each receive their own challenge medal and goodie bag. As well as the zoom around the track, we will have lots of  fun activities, including: * Superhero meet and greet
* Bouncy castle
* Inclusive football sessions with Leeds United Foundation and rugby with Leeds Rhinos Foundation coaches
* Fire and Rescue Service and Police
* Face painting
* Silent disco
* Craft and sensory activities
* Games
* Lots more surprises!

Families can register for the Superhero Challenge for free if they commit to raising £47 or more in sponsorship. This would support the cost of a physiotherapy session for a child with additional needs.Alternatively, tickets cost £12 per child if you would prefer not to fundraise (adults are free). |
| **Communication Matters International AAC Conference 2025**8th & 9th September at the University of LeedsThe Communication Matters [International AAC Conference](https://www.communicationmatters.org.uk/conference/) is the UK’s leading annual Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) event bringing together researchers, professionals, suppliers and AAC users, their families and carers for a diverse programme of keynotes, plenaries, presentations, posters and networking opportunities.This year we are delighted to announce a few small changes and some new exciting new additions including:  * **Pre-Conference Relaxed Exhibition**: on the afternoon of 7th September, we will be providing a time for conference delegates and the community who need a quieter and less busy space to meet with suppliers.
* **AAC Awards:** on the evening of 8th September, we will be hosting our biennial event celebrating all forms of communication, the people who use AAC, and the professionals, families and suppliers that support them. We are certain the awards, dinner and dancing will prove to be a fun and exciting night for all!
* **Post-Conference Research Study Day:** this additional day on 10th September is open to conference delegates and others who are interested in research focused strands delivered by an international cohort of researchers and academics.
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| **Voice and influence opportunities***opportunities for young people, parents and carers to have their voices heard.*  |
| **Children’s Transport is consulting on its draft post 16 transport policy statement 2025 to 2026**[Draft post 16 transport policy statement 2025 to 2026 | Leeds.gov.uk](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.leeds.gov.uk%2Fschools-and-education%2Fschool-transport%2Fpost-16-transport-policy-statement%2Fdraft-post-16-transport-policy-statement-2025-to-2026&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7C9bd41800c2e34fc93c4908dd6d22fa01%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638786719176166505%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=40TqtoDmpVIByH1XgkTU5zPKF89qwOyHgaeLgpdMXiw%3D&reserved=0)Local Authorities have a duty to publish an annual post-16 transport policy statement that gives information about the support with transport and travel arrangements available for students aged 16-18 attending 6th form, college or employment with training. There is additional support for young people aged 19 - 25 who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).The annual post-16 transport policy statement includes information about:* assistance available for post-16 learners with SEND, and how to apply
* the types of concessionary travel tickets that can be purchased
* bursaries available from colleges
* where to find the council's Children’s Transport policy
* assistance available for young people in post-16 learning
* sustainable modes of travel to school
* relevant contact telephone numbers and links to websites

The statement is intended to provide clarity for parents/carers and young people in a wide range of circumstances and to ensure that young people with particular and significant needs know how to seek support. Eligible young people with SEND will continue to be entitled to support as set out in the [Children and young people's transport policy December 2024](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.leeds.gov.uk%2Fschools-and-education%2Fschool-transport%2Fchildren%25E2%2580%2599s-transport-policy-2025&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7C9bd41800c2e34fc93c4908dd6d22fa01%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638786719176202002%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gAsuKPUZLvi0Ar0N5XZn9qUktthlj%2FbYyjDWpcSctZQ%3D&reserved=0)We’re keen to hear the view of parents, carers, young people and other stakeholders about how clear the draft policy statement is. Please note that it is the transportpolicy statementthat is being reviewed,notthe transport policy. The consultation is open now and **closes on Friday 2nd May 2025.** Please feel free to forward details of the consultation to any families with whom you work who might be interested in having their say. To take part in the consultation, please click here: [Draft post-16 transport policy statement consultation survey](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsurveys.leeds.gov.uk%2Fs%2FPost162025%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7C9bd41800c2e34fc93c4908dd6d22fa01%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638786719176226252%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=AYiaE3wvYz4vsUasM1NBfcZj8fMHYMlkrykqluzoHuM%3D&reserved=0) And finally, as we in Children’s Transport are proud to offer **independent travel training (ITT)** to eligible children and young people, we’re excited to announce the recent launch of **our new video** which highlights the benefits that ITT can offer to children, young people and their parents and carers. The video can be found on our [Children’s Transport’s ITT webpage](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.leeds.gov.uk%2Fschools-and-education%2Fschool-transport%2Findependent-travel-training&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7C9bd41800c2e34fc93c4908dd6d22fa01%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638786719176246229%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Dl%2BbPsFWReWI6o4Pv2UCJYQ65ZMKOROdrJ6L0NLEkXY%3D&reserved=0). |
| **Opportunity for young adults 18 to 25 years old with SEND** Scope in Leeds and Leeds Youth Voice are looking to meet young adults in Leeds aged 18 to 25.As part of Disability Celebration month in July, we want to hold inclusive, fun activities for young disabled adults at our city centre hub. Come along, share your ideas and help us plan our Disability Celebration event. * **When: Tuesday 8 April, 5pm until 6.30pm**
* **Where: Scope Leeds Community Hub, Dock Street, LS10 1JF**

You can book a place using our [Eventbrite](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fo%2Fscope-80975104533&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cd3deba78adb84270e1d308dd6dda9d6a%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638787508081719349%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OU9%2BsVFzospmsQZVSilYr7kFf7it48N6Fbnuq6NpUo4%3D&reserved=0) page, or you can email us at leeds@scope.org.uk .  |
| **Professionals**resources, opportunities, and events. |
| **Develop your skillset and experience as a professional with the Open Awards Level 2 award in Skills for Teaching Independent Travel**As a qualified travel trainer, you are equipped to support and teach people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to travel independently. Travel independence is essential when preparing people for independence, as it develops life skills and builds confidence. Leeds City Council can deliver the Open Awards Level 2 award in Skills for Teaching Independent Travel training course, over a period of two days at locations across the United Kingdom including our office space in Leeds City Centre. Our next courses that have spaces are:* Central London 4-5th June
* Leeds City Centre 28th-29th May
* Available monthly to deliver to a group at your location from April 2025

**Our experience**Leeds City Council's qualified trainers have:* 15+ years managing an ITT (Independent Travel Training) service
* worked closely with service users and staff in Children and Adult Services
* trained thousands of people to travel independently – [see our video](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DTadsLsB5bNU&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cd8449b6cc87141aaf8eb08dd65681860%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638778219930511639%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6dhewR6qOHkIiIeXvPbH5MG5zOhDrVmGuiZS4g9Wmy0%3D&reserved=0) for further info Independent Travel Training
* trained hundreds of councils, education settings and third sector organisations to deliver ITT
* and are nationally recognised as being leaders in the field of ITT, being Transport for London’s course provider of choice

**Course content**The Skills for Teaching Independent Travel training:* teaches delegates how to problem solve during travel training
* teaches delegates how to understand and implement the processes for teaching independent travel
* includes a practical activity which enables delegates to risk assess routes
* offers a valuable networking opportunity with likeminded individuals in your field
* find out more about the course on [Open Awards website here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fopenawards.org.uk%2Fumbraco%2FSurface%2FPdfContent%2FGetQualificationGuidePdf%2F126925&data=05%7C02%7CLLO%40Leeds.gov.uk%7Cd8449b6cc87141aaf8eb08dd65681860%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638778219930533227%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Sa7mDlHHqWIe53dwI4TUsbSYGeJzZSg7312F8cMf4TM%3D&reserved=0)

**Prices**Our prices from April 2025:* start from £450 per person

Our training course has also received glowing reviews from participants who have praised its effectiveness in enhancing their skills and knowledge:            “*The training was extremely useful and helpful to me. I was able to take a lot of information back to my team at Greenwich and felt it is going to be very beneficial for us to begin our in-house travel training for the future*.”             “*Well structured, well delivered and extremely helpful*.”             “*Amazing trainer's knowledge supported with real life examples when real situations were discussed and learned from. Thank you, great training*.”             If you are interested in the course or would like to find out more, please email ITTLeeds@leeds.gov.uk. |
| **Survey for professionals: eating issues experienced by children and young people**West Yorkshire Provider Collaborative want to understand the full scope of eating issues experienced by children and young people, and what services mean by 'complex' young people (0–25-year-olds) within West Yorkshire. The focus will be looking at more than what would be classed as presentations that might require mental health support. The areas of focus are:* Young people who experience an eating disorder/disordered eating or other eating issues.
* Young people who are described as 'complex' by services (does not need to have experienced any eating issues/eating disorders/disordered eating).

 The information you tell us, will be used to make services better, by sharing:* Incidence and Prevalence - What are the needs of young people.
* What works well.
* What needs to be better.
* Services offered by organisations to support these young people and professionals who work with them.
* How we can work better together as an Integrated Care System.

 The information you give us will be kept anonymous, this means we will not use any information that will let other people know who you are.  **Survey Feedback - 5 mins - 10 mins**  **VCSE -** [Eating disorder/disordered eating.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smartsurvey.co.uk%2Fs%2FEatingDisordersInTheThirdSectorVCSE%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ckayleigh.thurlow%40leeds.gov.uk%7C3e1519b107054b85958308dd5cb3e4a6%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638768649954398598%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=t3uX7qOUNRmSetmXJH7IZ9ymDaui8q6ogkZGiXRM3W0%3D&reserved=0)**VCSE -** [‘Complex’ Children and Young People.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smartsurvey.co.uk%2Fs%2FComplexChildrenAndYoungPeopleInTheThirdSectorVCSE%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ckayleigh.thurlow%40leeds.gov.uk%7C3e1519b107054b85958308dd5cb3e4a6%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638768649954418150%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=AO61Vzxlsutb3fS3dO%2BADRRCK3MYmYeHCve0UFWqG0w%3D&reserved=0) **Education**- [Eating disorder/disordered eating.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smartsurvey.co.uk%2Fs%2FEatingDisorderPresentionsInEducation%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ckayleigh.thurlow%40leeds.gov.uk%7C3e1519b107054b85958308dd5cb3e4a6%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638768649954437262%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=stxkH3OyPqvgkeA3QLah0zYKVEk8BQPWoniSJZhabl4%3D&reserved=0)**Education** - ['Complex' Children and Young People.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smartsurvey.co.uk%2Fs%2FComplexChildrenAndYoungPeopleInEducation%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ckayleigh.thurlow%40leeds.gov.uk%7C3e1519b107054b85958308dd5cb3e4a6%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638768649954457607%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=v1RLb6BNlGFBGqmAStuImOXtwUD4D3ODS%2F9d4GYU2js%3D&reserved=0) **Primary Care** - [Eating disorder/disordered eating.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smartsurvey.co.uk%2Fs%2FEatingDisorderPresentionsInPrimaryCare%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ckayleigh.thurlow%40leeds.gov.uk%7C3e1519b107054b85958308dd5cb3e4a6%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638768649954477605%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Mxd42Y9P5EVHXRQH1IbQvTDS0HMBJMXhbtU1xs6A2Ns%3D&reserved=0)**Primary Care** - ['Complex' Children and Young People.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smartsurvey.co.uk%2Fs%2FComplexChildrenAndYoungPeopleInPrimaryCare%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ckayleigh.thurlow%40leeds.gov.uk%7C3e1519b107054b85958308dd5cb3e4a6%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638768649954497028%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wwdz21v0y0YHnjpAM%2FkrrCizSrWEFjnlOGVTaszTxW0%3D&reserved=0) **Social Care** - [Eating disorder/disordered eating.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smartsurvey.co.uk%2Fs%2FSocialCare%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ckayleigh.thurlow%40leeds.gov.uk%7C3e1519b107054b85958308dd5cb3e4a6%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638768649954517351%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9kbbvt%2BFmmGsZUYhAJWwssAZNMHRwpTgUc5BqoFxCnU%3D&reserved=0)**Social Care** - ['Complex' Children and Young People.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smartsurvey.co.uk%2Fs%2FSocialCareCYP%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ckayleigh.thurlow%40leeds.gov.uk%7C3e1519b107054b85958308dd5cb3e4a6%7C16864fae286e4707a78bd7188d6149a7%7C0%7C0%7C638768649954538271%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0ZZw6dHZocY8605l3ItnyEl3r5jetqOGFTklSfDVO9w%3D&reserved=0) |
| **Barnardos Positive Identities****Safe Zone Training (LGBTQ+ Awareness)**Our Safe Zone LGBTQ+ awareness training packages can be tailored to suit your organisation’s needs and the needs of your children and young people. We also run workshops for children and young people, as well as training for professionals who work with them.Upon completion of our core LGBTQ+ training, you can also book us to train your team on more bespoke areas such as trans and gender identity, primary/secondary school specific and faith and belief - to name a few. Please [click here](https://positiveidentities.org.uk/safe-zone-training/) to view and download our full brochure of training offers.**Safe Space Award**Upon completion of Safe Zone training, you can now apply for a Safe Space Award for your organisation. The Positive Identities Safe Spaces Award recognises schools, services and organisations making significant progress in LGBTQ+ inclusion in the workplace and for their children, young people and families. It emphasises the need for safe, respectful, and valued environments for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The award encourages further efforts toward inclusivity and shares best practices to inspire others. For more information on supporting or participating in this initiative, [click here](https://positiveidentities.org.uk/safe-space-award/).If you would like further information on any of the above, please email positive.identities@barnardos.org.uk  |
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