

**Leeds Local Offer Live 2025**
Wednesday 26th March 2025
10am till 3pm 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 2025 event took place on Wednesday 26th March 2026, 10am till 3pm at Pudsey Civic Hall.

**Services**

52 services booked a stall at the event, with 48 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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| * Transitions Team, Leeds City Council
* Child Health and Disability Team
* Advonet
* Short Breaks, Leeds City Council
* Energise by Endorphins
* Accessible Inclusive Music (AIM)
* Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme
* Independent Travel Training, Leeds City Council
* Yoga with Debs
* Leeds Mencap
* Beamsley Project
* Leeds Weekend Care Association
* Northern Ballet
* West Leeds Activity Centre
* MindMate Support Team
* MindMate
* Neurodiversity (ND) Information Hub
* West Yorkshire ND Family Navigator Pilot
* Leeds Parent Carer Forum
* Leeds Local Offer
* Community Audiology
* Health Facilitation Team, LYPT
* Children’s Speech and Language Therapy
* ICAN
 | * Great Minds Together
* Scope
* Sensory Word
* AFRIKINDNESS
* Carers Leeds
* Auditory Verbal UK
* Lotus Links Support Group
* Irwin Mitchell
* SNAPS
* Little Hiccups
* ZigZag Leeds
* Welfare Rights
* SENSE MI Children’s Service
* Kids Yorkshire and Humber
* Through the Maze
* Home from Home Care
* Employment and Skills, Leeds City Council
* Purple Patch Arts
* Future Horizons Leeds
* Witherslack Group Specialist Education
* Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds
* Leeds City College
* Henry
* Leeds SENDIASS
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Services rated the overall event as very good and found it a great opportunity to network and make connections with other professionals.

Services feedback was that the event provided them with the opportunity to speak to families about the service they offer, give advice, signpost and take referrals.

Suggestions for improvements:

* Provide marketing material so we can promote the event or create a facebook event page.
* Increase attendance especially parents / carers.
* Have a quiet room.
* Have more time, there is a lot to cover.
* Better catering facilities- more variety of refreshments with extra tables and seating.

**Attendees**

The event was promoted to families via:

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

111 parents / carers, 65 professionals and 21 young people attended the event, totaling 197 in attendance, which is an increase in attendance from the 2024 event.

The majority of attendees found out about the event either via the Leeds Local Offer, facebook, or school:

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| Leeds Local Offer | 25% |  | College | 8% |
| Facebook | 22% |  | Word of mouth | 8% |
| School | 18% |  | Leeds City Council | 3% |
| Organisations | 12% |  | Other | 3% |

Overall attendees rated the event as very good, and really valued visiting different stalls and finding out about SEND services.

Feedback from attendees:

*“Absolutely fantastic!”*

*“Good range of services”*

*“It was useful being able to access lots of information in one place”*

*“Have more health services”*

*“I would have liked to see more education providers”*

**Workshops**

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

* Ordinarily available toolkit and provision (education)
* Eating / ARFID support (health)

The workshops were well attended, and feedback included:

“The ARFID session was useful”

“The workshops were useful”

“Absolutely brilliant”

“The SEND and education talk was useful.”

**Learning for the 2026 event**

* Create a facebook event page.
* Share promotional material directly with services in attendance.
* Have badges/stickers to identify families and professionals.
* Have a quiet room/space.
* Better catering facilities
* Target services attendees wanted to see including: SENSAP, more education providers, Occupational Therapy and more adult services.