



HALTON WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Summer 1 Half Term 2024

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network encourages, equips and empowers neurodiverse children, young people and their families, those with specific learning difficulties, SEN and Disability, and associated mental health needs. We have a blended offer of free face-to-face and online groups, workshops and learning programmes for parent/carers to better understand and support the needs of their child and for the professionals who support them.

Community Network Groups

Each week during term time, we deliver face to face and online, informal, open access workshops on different subjects to support you and your family - pre, during, post and no diagnosis. Come along to meet our team and visiting professionals.

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Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme

A six-session learning opportunity for parents and carers to increase understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions and gain skills and confidence to better support the needs of their child and family.

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Family Learning Workshops

Learning workshops to increase understanding of a range of topics associated with neurodevelopmental conditions. Delivered as online webinars with the opportunity to ask questions in the chat function.

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Professionals Neurodevelopmental Conditions Awareness Raising Training

Funded training for professionals to increase understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions and the impact on children, young people and their families.

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What is a Community Network Group?

Each week during term time, we deliver informal workshops on different subjects to support you and your family at all stages of your journey - pre, during, post and no diagnosis. Our workshops are needs-led, so come along and meet our team and visiting professionals to share learning and experience.

Halton Community Network Group



Where?

You can find us at **Ditton Community Centre, Dundalk Road, Widnes, WA8 8DF**. You can reach the centre via public transport, such as the **26** bus from Widnes Shopping Park or **79C** and **82A** from Runcorn High Street. For more information how to reach the centre, [please click here](#).

When?	Topic
Monday 15th April 2024 12:30pm - 2:30pm	Specific Learning Difficulties: This week we will be looking at specific learning difficulties and giving an overview of dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia and dysgraphia - the four major specific learning difficulties.
Monday 22nd April 2024 12:30pm - 2:30pm	Embedding Routines at home: Do you struggle to get routines in place at home? This week we will be looking how to support our children and young people by creating effective and sustainable routines for our families.
Monday 29th April 2024 12:30pm - 2:30pm	Supporting Friendships with Neurodiverse Children and Young People: All of us struggle with building, developing and maintaining friendships at some points in our lives. Individuals with social communication difficulties may find this more of an issue than others. In this session we will look at how to support our children and young people, to understand their individual needs, nurture their resilience and reduce anxiety around relationships.
Monday 13th May 2024 12:30pm - 2:30pm	Autism with Demand Avoidant Profile: Autistic children and young people will have a degree of demand-avoidance due to their levels of anxiety. Behaviour associated with autism with a demand avoidant profile can be challenging and requires a non-confrontational approach. We will discuss how to adopt this approach in this session for families.
Monday 20th May 2024 12:30pm - 2:30pm	Understanding Executive Functioning: Our executive functioning is like the 'airport control tower' of our brain. It's how we organise, sequence, manage time, decide what to do first/next, etc. This week's session looks at executive function in neurodiverse children and young people, and to support them to develop their skills.

Monday All Area Online Community Network Group

Where?

[Please join us online by clicking here to register your details.](#) Only one registration is required to join any of the topics listed below and you will receive a reminder each week, which includes the link to join. Our online offer is delivered via Zoom for Healthcare.

When?	Topic
Monday 15th April 2024 9:30am – 11:00am	<p>Communicating with your Child:</p> <p>What is communication? This session we will be looking at how to recognise different forms of verbal and non verbal communication and identify strategies for improving communication with neurodiverse children and young people.</p>
Monday 22nd April 2024 9:30am – 11:00am	<p>Liverpool Independent Travel Training Team:</p> <p>This session will be delivered in Partnership with The Independent Travel Training Team, who will explain how they support neurodiverse children and young people in travelling to school or college independently. Please come along and ask any questions about the service they provide.</p>
Monday 29th April 2024 9:30am – 11:00am	<p>Provide an Inheritance for Vulnerable Person:</p> <p>EP Seminars will be joining us to discuss the different options available for creating a will for a neurodiverse child or young person, as well as how to distribute it effectively and maximise the amount that is received. Come along and ask any questions you may have.</p>
Monday 13th May 2024 9:30am – 11:00am	<p>Introduction to Autism:</p> <p>Our topic for discussion this week is Autism (ASD). We will be looking at the characteristics that indicate a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, how autism can present differently in individuals, and identifying strategies to support autistic children and young people.</p>
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Wednesday All Area Online Community Network Group

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Wednesday 17th April 2024 5:00pm – 6:30pm	<p>Introduction to Autism:</p> <p>Our topic for discussion this week is Autism (ASD). We will be looking at the characteristics that indicate a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, how autism can present differently in individuals, and identifying strategies to support autistic children and young people.</p>
Wednesday 24th April 2024 5:00pm – 6:30pm	<p>Liverpool Independent Travel Training Team:</p> <p>The session this week will be delivered in Partnership with The Independent Travel Training Team, who will explain how they support neurodiverse children and young people in travelling to school or college independently. Please come along and ask any questions about the service they provide.</p>
Wednesday 1st May 2024 5:00pm – 6:30pm	<p>Theory of Mind:</p> <p>In today's session we will be looking at 'Theory of Mind'. What is it? How does it impact on our neurodiverse children and young people in their understanding of how other people think and feel?</p>
Wednesday 8th May 2024 5:00pm – 6:30pm	<p>Separation Anxiety:</p> <p>Separation Anxiety is common amongst young children, but can be prevalent in neurodiverse children and young people. Come along and ask any questions you may have.</p>
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What is the Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme?

Our Neurodevelopmental Conditions (ND) Learning Programme provides an opportunity for parents and carers to gain understanding and skills about neurodevelopmental conditions including autism, ADHD and Sensory Processing Difficulties (pre, during, post and no diagnosis) with strategies to support the difficulties that may present:

- **Neurodevelopmental conditions/specific learning difficulties and associated mental health difficulties**
- **Autism Spectrum Disorder/Condition (ASD/C)**
- **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)**
- **Sensory Processing/Integration Difficulties (SPD)**
- **Managing everyday challenges and behaviours associated with NDCs**
- **Your Local Offer, disability welfare rights and special educational needs support including Early Help and Education Health Care Plans**

Online Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme

Where?

[Please join us online by clicking here to register your details.](#) Our ND Learning Programme will be delivered once a week, over six weeks - only one registration is required to attend all of the six sessions and you will receive a reminder for each session.

When?	Session
Wednesday 17th April 2024 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Session 1
Wednesday 24th April 2024 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Session 2
Wednesday 1st May 2024 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Session 3
Wednesday 8th May 2024 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Session 4
Wednesday 15th May 2024 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Session 5
Wednesday 22nd May 2024 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Session 6

What is a Family Learning Workshop?

Our online family learning workshops aim to increase parents and carers understanding of a particular topic around neurodevelopmental conditions and gain strategies to support their child or young person at home and in school, with the opportunity to interact with our team via the chat and Q&A function.

Family Learning Workshop

Where?

Please join us online by clicking here to register your details. Our online offer is delivered via Zoom for Healthcare, and you will receive a reminder with the link before the session via your email.

When?	Topic
Friday 26th April 2024 9.30am - 12.00pm	SEND Processes including EHCPs

What is the Professionals Neurodevelopmental Conditions Awareness Raising Training?

Designed to improve professionals' understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions (NDCs), how they may present and how one condition may overlap with another. Professionals attending this training will develop knowledge, skills and confidence to better support neurodiverse children, young people and their families:

- Understand the differences between ADHD, Autism, and other NDCs
- Recognise the typical behaviours of ADHD, Autism and other NDCs
- Recognise the impact that unsupported and unmanaged characteristics of NDCs can have on an individual and their family
- Understand the impact that sensory processing difficulties can have on children and young people
- Identify local support available for professionals, children, young people and their families.

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network is commissioned to deliver a limited number of Neurodevelopmental Conditions Professional Awareness Raising Training to whole teams. If you are interested in this full day's training, please call the office on 0151 486 1788 or email info@advancedsolutions.co.uk

Coffee Mornings, Afternoons and Engagement Events

Our team are happy to attend any face-to-face coffee mornings and/or online sessions to explain our current offer to families and professionals. Please email us at info@advancedsolutions.co.uk for further information.



Our online offer is delivered using Zoom for Healthcare. The details we request are kept securely and used in line with our privacy policy:

<https://www.advancedsolutions.co.uk/policies/privacy-policy.html>

If you are using a phone, you will need to download the Zoom app beforehand. Please be mindful of your data usage. If you do not have an unlimited data plan, you may need to connect to a Wi-Fi connection to prevent charges.

Seeking Crisis Support?

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network is not a crisis service. If you, a child or young person is experiencing acute distress and is deemed to be a risk to themselves or others, **we have listed the local area crisis contact details on our urgent support page, which you can find on our website: www.advancedsolutions.co.uk under the 'Contact' menu option.** You will also find links to national organisations that can offer support.

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