



Welcome to the very first edition of our newsletter for children and young people we really hope you enjoy reading it! 😊

## Meet the Team...



Hello from all of us at Sendias Bathnes 🙌

We are here to listen to you and understand your concerns. We can help you to find out about your legal rights and responsibilities. We offer information, advice, and support.

Our aim is to make sure that your voice is heard.

We can help you to understand processes and procedures. Let us know how you would like to work with us and what you would like to achieve.

## Youth Participation Group Update

**As a service we have been working hard to ensure young people are involved in as many ways as possible.**

Our dedicated Young Person Support Worker is Hannah. Within her role she ensures young people feel heard, listened to, and supported. Part of this has involved launching and organising our new Young People's Participation Group.

We have held our first few sessions. The group has looked at our website with a focus on ease of access and improvements needed and the group has also discussed transport for young people with SEND.

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We are always on the look out for new group members and would love to see you at our next meeting which is on **17th September at 5.30pm at the Time Out Youth Centre in Keynsham**. So we know how many people to expect please let us know you're coming by booking your place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/youth-participation-group-meet-up-tickets-955553515287>

And lastly, we would like to say a big thank you to our volunteers, Summer and Lucy, who have been helping with this group.

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## Can you help us chose a name?

We can't decide on a name for the Youth Participation Group so we thought we'd ask you what you'd like it to be called... it would be great if you could click on the button below and vote for your favourite in our poll!

[Click Here to vote for your favourite name!](#)

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## What's it like to do work experience with us?



## Work experience with sendias bathnes

In January 2024, Summer completed work experience with us at Sendias Bathnes.

Here's what she had to say about her experience with us...

"Back in 2022, I helped Sendias with a video project they were completing with young people in my area. We created what has become known as the **'We Are Limitless' series**. Through working on the project with the service, and as a young person with SEND who attended mainstream, I know the difference a good support network can make.

All of the expectations for what I thought the work experience would be were fulfilled and beyond. I was tasked with creating resources all about EHCPs – outlining what they are, the process, the support available and how young people can be involved in them as much as possible. This

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I was given the opportunity to chat to the other services that work within the building. I had requested this and Hannah took that on board and organised for me to meet with the Live Well team, the Educational Psychology team and the SEND team.

I also attended a Parent Café event with the team in the local area. This was a real highlight for me, it was amazing to see how the service best reaches the people that need it. It was a great insight – hearing and seeing how people are supported first-hand was so lovely.

In terms of my personal and professional growth, the experience helped me so much. I really gained so much from it, and it confirmed for me (very quickly!) the direction I want to take my career.

I've certainly become a lot more confident in my abilities within the workplace and it's shown me that I do possess valuable skills that make a positive difference. I've become even more innovative and efficient, as well as even more confident in my decision making. It really has helped me no end. Since work experience, I've begun working with the service on a more permanent basis as a volunteer. I am now their Young Person's Ambassador.

If any other young person is thinking of completing work experience with Sendias Bathnes they should absolutely go for it – the team are so lovely, and you will be looked after. They certainly made the most of my time there – showing me everything I wanted to see and including me in their work as best as they could. It was a wonderful experience."

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## Summer - Events

There is a great round up of activities and ideas for the Summer holidays on the Live Well website here: <https://livewell.bathnes.gov.uk/activity-inspiration...>

Do have a look at [Bath Area Play Project](#) page as they have some great play days arranged.

[Youth Connect South West](#) have lots of activities for Young People

And the libraries [Bath and North East Somerset Libraries](#) have lots of free events running throughout the summer.

Also keep an eye on our Sendias Facebook page as we keep this updated with events, such as the ones below, which we've shared on there recently:

- **Family Fund** are running a 'digital summer festival' so if you are a budding animation artist, coder or vlogger have a look at these hour-long free workshops, [click here for more info.](#)
- **Keynsham Mencap** are running an inclusive family Sports Day on 6th August. Jane and Hannah from Sendias are going to be there so do find them and say hi. Tickets are £5 per family and are available here: <https://www.keynshammencap.org.uk/inclusive-sports-day/>
- Take part in a Multi-Sports day this summer on 19th August at Hampset Cricket Club, with **Somerset Cricket Foundation, SASP Inclusive Sport and Nova**

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Follow us on Facebook and keep up-to-date with future events that we share:

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## Opening Times over the Summer Holidays

We have a reduced service but we are still open over the summer if you would like to speak with an Advisor.

There are also lots of resources on our website to help answer any questions you might have.

Please contact us in the following ways:

Call us: 01225 394382

Email us: [sendias@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:sendias@bathnes.gov.uk)

Text us: 07530263401

Via our website: <https://sendiasbathnes.org.uk/getintouch>

**Wishing you a happy summer from all the team at Sendias Bathnes**



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