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Directory of Organisations in Walsall offering

Services for Adults and Children with Autism and Learning Disabilities.



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Ideas Walsall Dyslexia Association

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ABOUT IDEAS:

IDEAS Walsall Dyslexia Association is a voluntary organisation working within Walsall and neighbouring areas to support and raise awareness of dyslexia. We are affiliated to the British Dyslexia Association and form part of a network of almost 100 Local Dyslexia Associations throughout the UK.

The services we offer include:

- Information, advice, and support to parents of children with dyslexia, their families and schools.
- The IDEAS Helpline, staffed by volunteers, offers free confidential information, advice and support relating to dyslexia in children.
- Open meetings with guest speakers and events/workshops.
- Running the Dyslexia Support Group Alongside Talking SENSE!
- Information on special educational needs (SEN) and signposting to schools and local specialist advocates and advisers. In addition, we raise awareness of dyslexia in schools and the wider community.
- Dyslexia Screening for children and young people aged 8 to 15+
- Visual Stress Assessments for children and young people aged 8 to 15+

Dyslexia Helpline: 01922 860 259

Proud Walsall

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ABOUT PROUD:

PROUD is a parent led support group based in Walsall, West Midlands (UK) which was set up in August 2004 by parents who had children with Down's syndrome

We meet up once a month (please see events page for details of our meetings)

Our aims are to provide for the needs of individuals with Down's syndrome...

- To offer support, acceptance, advice and encouragement for parents, carers, family and friends of persons with Down's syndrome.
- To increase awareness and knowledge of issues relating to Down's syndrome.
- To educate the community about the presence, the potential and the needs of people with Down's syndrome.

This group is open to anyone who is a parent, relatives, carers, and friends of people with Down's syndrome and we invite you to come along and join us for any of the meetings and events that we hold throughout the year.

PROUD is run by parents/carers of children with Down's syndrome and we rely totally upon any donations that people send to us to help us. All donations received are spend on helping the children and their families living life to the full and we thank you for your kindness in the donations we receive



Rainbow Group

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ABOUT RAINBOW GROUP

We are a not-for-profit organisation that aim to facilitate activities and experiences for adults and children with additional needs. Rainbow Group started as a free monthly disco for adults and children with additional needs held at The Crown in Aldridge. We now have a new more secure and spacious venue at Aldridge Methodist Church to hold our free monthly disco. We also take a group of members to matches at Walsall Football club and hold coffee mornings for parents and carers to socialise without the children and support each other. As we are a not-for-profit organisation, we are very grateful for any donations and sponsorship to enable us to continue to make a difference.



Walsall Council

Aldridge Library

Contact: Richard Hetherington

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Talking Sense

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ABOUT TALKING SENSE!

Talking SENSE! is a registered charity offering independent and affordable services to parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities. It was founded by Ken Upton working in partnership with a range of other parents. It was these parents that agreed the name and the logo.

We provide independent specialist advice, advocacy and support to parents on local authorities' legal duties to assess and provide for children with special educational needs. If necessary, we support parents in appealing to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal including representation if required. Our experienced case workers understand the responsibility, stress and anguish that having a child with special educational needs places on parents.

Tynings Lane Church

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FACE Walsall Parent Carer Forum

Families and Carers Empowered

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ABOUT FACE

FACE Walsall is the Parent Carer forum for the borough of Walsall is led by parents for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with additional support needs and disabilities in Walsall. We work in partnership with commissioners and service providers across health, social services and education.



Walsall Community Transport

Contact: Becky Tolley

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F: Walsall Community Transport

Aldridge North & Walsall Wood

ABOUT WALSALL COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Walsall Community Transport based in Walsall is a registered charity who provide a range of transport services for community groups, the elderly, people with disabilities or other mobility problems. The services include regular community bus routes for shopping as well as days out to places of interest all at affordable prices. Walsall Community Transport also offer minibus hire for community groups.

The Motivation Hub



The Motivation Hub

Day opportunities for those who learn differently

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ABOUT THE MOTIVATION HUB

The Motivation Hub is for the families and carers of adults with learning disabilities who have a weekday requirement for day-care for their loved ones.

With recent austerity and continued strain on local authority provision, day-care throughout the country is becoming severely limited and oversubscribed with many local authorities ending provision completely. This places a huge load upon already stressed carers who then often get little rest from what is a very demanding responsibility.

The Motivation Hub in Walsall Wood provides cost effective, high quality day-care opportunities for learning difficulty people in the area and offers a good opportunity for people with special needs to socialise, be supported and undertake meaningful activity in a protected, caring environment.

Collingwood Autism Support Group

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ABOUT COLLINGWOOD AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

We are a support group for parents & carers of children with autism. If you have a child with autism and feel like you need help and support, we are here for you.

It can be very daunting if your child has been given a diagnosis of autism, become part of our group and meet with other people all going through the same fears, problems & experiences you are. We can help each other that includes nan's, grandad's & siblings too.

There will be training and information sessions which range from 'Communicating with your child' to 'Coping with meltdowns' Listen to other people's experiences such as dealing with nurseries, schools, speech & language problems & sensory issues

We meet twice a month on Tuesday evenings 7pm – 9pm



Hope Autism Network

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ABOUT HOPE AUTISM NETWORK

Hope Autism Network is a network for parents and carers of children with autism based at Rushall Hub.



The Walsall Disability Hub

Enabling easy access to support, guidance and information

The Walsall Disability Hub
17 Lichfield Street
Walsall
West Midlands
WS1 1TU
Ground Floor

At the Hub you will find:

A fully equipped Personal Care Suite

Internet Café

Space to Meet, Work and Relax.

3rd Sector Organisations working in partnership.

Midland Mencap Sessions

- **Toastie Tuesday:** 10am–12noon Tuesday – Walsall Disability Hub
- **Tuesday Lunch Club:** 12:30pm–1:45pm Tuesdays – Walsall Disability Hub
- **Social Club:** 7pm–9pm Tuesday – Walsall Disability Hub
- **Thursday Club Social Disco:** 7–9pm Thursday – Brownhills and Walsall Fellowship
- **Autism IT Library:** 11am–1pm Friday – Walsall Disability Hub

Midland Mencap also organise other events and outings - for further information please call 01922 616798.

Other organisations including Autism West Midlands, Kaleidoscope Plus, Walsall Council and Walsall Eyes also host regular activities/information events from the Walsall Disability Hub. For further information please call 01922 616798.

Autism West Midlands

Reception: 0121 450 7582

Helpline: 0121 450 7575

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ABOUT AUTISM WEST MIDLANDS

There are more than half a million autistic people living in the UK, an invisible and misunderstood disability. 60,000 live in the West Midlands.

We are the leading charity in the West Midlands for people on the autism spectrum. We use our expertise to enrich the lives of autistic people and those who love and care for them. Our passionate, expert staff and volunteers work across all age groups and abilities, providing direct support.

- We support autistic people to live as independently as possible, in residential care, or in their own or the family home
- We provide a free autism information helpline offering a first point of contact for families and individuals in crisis
- We provide advice and support sessions families and carers of children on the autistic spectrum
- We enable adults to access support within their local community to build resilience, confidence, and skills to actively participate in society
- We offer training to parents, professionals, and individuals and much more!

National Organisations

- **Action For Kids** is a charity that helps young people with physical and learning disabilities across the country find greater levels of independence and opportunity through the provision of mobility aids, employability training and family support. **020 8347 8111**
- **Action on Hearing Loss** is the largest charity representing the 11 million deaf and hard of hearing people in the UK. As a membership charity, they aim to achieve a radically better quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing people. **0808 808 0123**
- **Deaffinity** is one of the largest, most innovative and award-winning organisation that works within the Deaf Community. They aim to address and overcome the obstacles in communication and engagement that deaf individuals face on a daily basis.
- **Disability Rights UK** is the leading charity of its kind in the UK, run by and for people with experience of disability or health conditions. **020 7250 8181**
- **Kids Out** provides small financial grants for disadvantaged and special needs children up to the age of 18 for activities or equipment that will give them fun and happiness. **01525 385 25**
- **Leonard Cheshire** is a disability charity that is able to provide residential care, care at home and respite care to disabled people and their carers. It also has a hotel specifically designed for use by disabled people.
- **McIntyre Care** is a national charity providing education, care and support to both children and adults with learning disabilities. **01908 230100**
- **Mental Health Foundation** is the biggest, most comprehensive website on mental health in the UK.
- **Motability** enables disabled people to get mobile by exchanging their mobility allowance to lease a new car, scooter or powered wheelchair. **0300 456 4566**
- The **NHS** has a database of support services for people with Autism and Aspergers.
- The **Percey Bilton Charity** have grants of up to £200 for day to day living and special equipment for those with disabilities and on a low income. **020 8579 2829**

- **National Autistic Society** offers an employment and training service for people with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) who wish to work. Their aim is that people with an ASD should have the same training and employment opportunities as non-disabled people. **0808 800 4104**
- **Royal National Institute of the Blind** offers practical support and advice to anyone with a sight problem. **0303 123 9999**
- **Scope** gives information and advice on where to find local disability services and organisations. **0808 800 3333**
- **Shape** provides skills, opportunities and support for disabled artists, individuals and cultural organisations, and helps build a more inclusive cultural sector. **020 7424 7330**
- **Snowdon Award Scheme** provide grants to physically disabled and sensory impaired students studying in the UK – in further or higher education or those training towards employment. **01403 732 89**
- **Tourism for All** gives the disabled, carers and elderly people the freedom to take a break.
- **Young Minds** provides information, advice and training for young people, parents, carers and professionals.



Contact Us

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Youtube: [Healthwatch Walsall 2020](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

