



Comms for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Champions (January 2023)

- 1) Call for SEND Champions
- 2) Update on the SEND Champion training programme

To circulate to: All children services staff and health partners, foster carers and parents, holiday providers.

Who can be a Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Champion?

You could be a parent of a child or young person with SEND or a practitioner working with children and young people with an active interest in SEND. Even if you do not know much about special educational needs and disabilities, we are looking for people who are passionate about inclusive practice, want to develop their skills and share their knowledge with others to be well informed and make a difference in our local community and beyond. If this sounds like you or anybody you know, we'd love for you to be involved!

What are we offering?

We want to welcome professionals and parents to our relaunched training and information programme. Each month we are offering a 1–2-hour virtual session with the objectives to upskill, share knowledge and best practice on a wide range of topics covering SEND.

We had very positive feedback from our sessions so far, those who attended said:

“that was the most informative and concise training I have had”

“Very informative, thank you for all you are doing to help raise awareness and understanding”

“the session was very helpful”

We would like to invite you to book onto the next cohort of sessions

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	PRESENTOR
18 January 2023	Graduated Approach	1.00-3.00pm	Educational Psychology
10 February 2023	Restorative Approaches	10.00-11.00am	TYSS
26 April 2023	School Health / Exam stress	1.00-3.00pm	MHST /Schools Link
23 May 2023	Young Carers	1.00-3.00pm	WLC Carers

Please book on via:

Local Authority – via [MyJob](#)

Foster Carers - paula.holt@wigan.gov.uk

Health- Tracey Catterall tracey.catterall@nhs.net

Parents – Emma Foster admin@wiganpcf.org.uk / Eventbrite link

Schools – via tessadmin@wigan.gov.uk

HAF - shannon.fairhurst@wigan.gov.uk