



Welcome to September's edition of SPP News!

We're so pleased to welcome you all to September's edition of SPP News with an update of what's been happening, and what's coming up at SPP!

We have continued to support new & existing service users across the school summer break with a variety of exciting events, activities and wider support for families and the community. Since our last update, SinglePoint has also been recognised with not one, but two awards, at the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council Oldbury Community Awards - read on to find out more!

Finally, as always, a huge thanks to all of our families and partner agencies for your support and engagement.

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SMBC Oldbury Community Awards 2023



We are absolutely delighted and so proud to announce that **SinglePoint Plus** and the **Community Resilience Champions** were awarded two of the SMBC Oldbury Community Awards 2023!



These awards are in recognition of the positive contribution & difference **SinglePoint Family Hub** & our **CRC** Volunteers make within our local community.

This was only made possible due to the tireless efforts, commitment, and dedication of our amazing staff & volunteers, not forgetting our partners & community users who engage with services to drive the organisation forward.

Community Resilience Champions

In the last couple of months, we welcomed Darren and Yasemin to our growing Community Resilience Champions Volunteer team. We also welcomed Peter as CRC Coordinator, who will work closely with the team to inspire CRC volunteers and coordinate CRC support and events.



Over the summer period, our CRC's continued to meet with clients, and get out into community venues to offer support and promote community engagement with the CRC project. Peter also attended the SMBC awards to receive the CRC Community Award on behalf of the team – well done & thanks to all volunteers who give up their time to support their community – you are amazing!



CRC is a free community resilience mentoring service, so reach out if you'd like a listening ear and some emotional support. This service is accessible to all members of the public!

For anyone interested in getting support from a CRC, please email

crc@singlepointplus.org or call our CRC Coordinator, **Peter** on **0748 4057594** for more details.

David Walliams 'Bad Dad' Theatre Experience



Working in partnership with Creative Communities - Black Country, on 30th August we offered an exciting, fully subsidised, summer Outdoor Theatre Experience for families to enjoy and spend time together relaxing in beautiful surroundings at West Smethwick Park.

Registered users who took advantage of this opportunity received access to free return bus travel vouchers, a complimentary theatre 'Snack Pack' including popcorn, treats and refreshments plus an opportunity to see the **David Walliams 'Bad Dad'** performance live on stage! 🎉

This unmissable performance included a whole host of family entertainment, based on the 'Bad Dad' book published by children's author David Walliams.

Rewire Youth Club Summer Events

Showcase Cinema, Dudley “Elemental” Screening



During summer, as part of the Rewire project, the N-Gage Youth Club took a trip to Showcase Cinema Dudley to see “Elemental” on the big screen! 🎬

This was a great day for all involved, and we were amazed to hear that this was some children’s first ever cinema trip! All children thoroughly enjoyed the special screening at Showcase Cinema which was lovely to hear plus a good opportunity to keep them busy during their summer holidays. 😊

Black Country Living Museum Trip

As an additional Rewire trip, the N-gage Youth Club visited the award-winning Black Country Living Museum to experience a special day filled with fun, learning and laughter in the 1940’s-60’s town and industrial area of the Black Country Living Museum.



The children explored carefully reconstructed shops, houses and met the historic characters who told the stories of what it was really like to live and work during this revolutionary period of history. It was a great day and we hope to visit again soon!



N-Gage Youth Club runs every Thursday at Heart of Oldbury Community Centre, Oldbury from 6pm – 7.30pm and every Tuesday

at **Dorothy Parkes Centre**, Smethwick from 5pm – 6.30pm.

There is no booking for sessions, but all children must register beforehand. If you would like to register or find out more, please contact the **Dorothy Parkes Centre** on **0121 558 2998** or visit www.dorothyparkes.org

SinglePoint - Weston Super-Mare Trip

During August, we hosted our annual SinglePoint summer trip and this year, our destination was the sunny sands of Weston Super-Mare. The sun was shining for families to spend quality time together, and have a jam-packed day, full of fun, adventure, and laughter. All children attending were given a bucket & spade, with a picnic blanket per family to add to the experience.



We received a great response to this trip, with over 180 adults and children attending on the day. A massive thank you to **Major Coachways** and all our SinglePoint families who attended!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for information on future trips & events.

SinglePoint 'Family Essentials' Store



**SINGLEPOINT
FAMILY ESSENTIALS
STORE**

Supporting families with **Free household goods & toiletries to support through the cost of living crisis.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
This service is available to families who are registered with SinglePoint.

FREE ITEMS AVAILABLE ↓

- ▶ Shower Gel
- ▶ Washing Up Liquid
- ▶ Toilet Roll & More!

(ORDER & COLLECT 10 ITEMS FREE OF CHARGE!)

FREE SERVICE



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The newly launched SinglePoint 'Family Essentials' Store has been keeping the team busy with lots of interest from families and the local community for this new SPP service.

With support received from Tesco and Sainsbury's, the store is actively helping to support families in, and around, Oldbury with FREE packs of essential household goods, including toiletries, cleaning items and other essentials. Our family essential packs aim to support local people during the current cost of living crisis.

To date, the 'Family Essentials' Store has helped over 100 families with a free, accessible service designed to reduce the costly supermarket spend!

SinglePoint - Baby Event

On Wednesday 12th July, we hosted a one-off baby event at SinglePoint Family Hub for members of the local community. This event invited people to pop in and select from a range of nearly new

infant and children's clothing from new-born to 2 years – all absolutely free! 🥰



The feedback from this event was extremely positive and we hope to run another one soon. Our team of **CRC** volunteers supported this event and were on hand to talk to people about the support available from **CRC**.

Thanks to all those who donated and attended this worthwhile event!

SinglePoint - School Uniform Events



Helping to support families with the increasing costs of school uniform, SinglePoint again this year hosted a series of school uniform events across the summer at SinglePoint Family Hub. Our uniform banks are completely Free and include a range of branded and unbranded school uniform for local schools at no cost!

We had a great response to these events, and again, our **CRC** Team supported to make families feel welcome.

Thanks to all involved!! 🙌

Follow us on social media to be the first to hear about new events and service offerings! 🙌



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