



## **Welcome to the latest edition of SPP News!**

We're so pleased to welcome you all back to SPP News with our most recent update of the busy time leading up to Christmas, plus a taster of what's coming up at SPP for 2024!

As always, we have continued to support new & existing service users with a variety of events, activities and wider support for families and the community. We've seen some great engagement, welcoming many new users to SinglePoint, and an increase in volunteering, plus we've supported some really good causes by raising awareness through fundraising events.

The festive season gave us a chance to spread the joy with our annual 'Breakfast with Santa' and other seasonal activities at a really affordable price for local families.

We are excited to see what 2024 has in store for SinglePoint and our service users, and once again, a huge thanks to all of our families and partner agencies for your support and engagement.

***Team SinglePoint***

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## SinglePoint's Breakfast with Santa event



Capturing the magic of Christmas time, we were excited to host our annual Breakfast with Santa event at Langley Primary School on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, where registered families had the chance to get involved in Christmas crafts & activities, enjoy some tasty breakfast baps/refreshments and for children to write a letter to Santa and visit his Grotto! 🎅

It was wonderful to see families enjoying time together, we cannot thank our staff, volunteers, and Langley Primary School enough for supporting this event. Thanks to all families who attended as without you this event wouldn't have been made possible!

Keep your eyes peeled for our next event at Langley Primary School with the ever-popular Easter Trail! Details coming soon... 🕒

## **Community Resilience Champions**

SPP's Community Resilience Champions are our team of trained volunteers - parents, local people just like you! CRC's offer emotional support to others through community mentoring, and this is a totally free service for anyone! If you or someone you know would benefit from a listening ear and some support, get in touch with [crc@singlepointplus.org](mailto:crc@singlepointplus.org) or call the office in confidence on 0121 544 1393.

We are recruiting new CRC volunteers to our training programme in February, so if you would be interested in volunteering as a CRC please get in touch!

### **So, what have the CRC Team been up to?**

In the past few months, the Community Resilience Champions Volunteer team have been busy offering support to the community at local events & small venues in the Sandwell area. CRC Volunteers regularly visit the Chatty Café West Bromwich, Dorothy Parkes Centre and get out and about across Oldbury & Smethwick to engage with the community. The team along with our Community Engagement, helped host Macmillan & Wear it Pink Coffee Mornings to raise funds for these important causes and attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at Oldbury Civic Square to pay respects alongside our community.



Over the autumn & winter, 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. A huge thanks to our wonderful volunteers for all they do!

## **CRC Star of the Month**

Every month, to recognise the time, efforts and achievements of our volunteers, CRC's are nominated by staff & team members for their contributions to the project. This is a wonderful way of saying a big thank you in recognition of how valued our volunteers are at SinglePoint. We think your fab!!



Congratulations and well done to Yasemin and Peter as our most recent CRC Stars of the Month. For anyone interested in getting support from a CRC, please email [crc@singlepointplus.org](mailto:crc@singlepointplus.org) or call Peter on 07484057594 for more details.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning



It was brilliant to see a significant number of families from the local community attend our Macmillan Coffee Morning to help raise funds for people living with cancer! 🎉 😊

Our Community Resilience Champions hosted a wide range of fundraising activities and fun games for our lovely guests to take part in, in addition to offering them opportunities to enter & win Tombola prizes and a chance to enter the Macmillan raffle giveaway. A massive round of applause to all our Community Resilience Champions, staff, and service users for helping us to raise a total of £139 for Macmillan Cancer Support! 🙌 🙌

## Wear It Pink Coffee Morning



Our Wear It Pink Coffee Morning on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October at SinglePoint Family Hub was a great event that helped raise funds and increase awareness for those living with Breast Cancer. 🥰🇬🇧

This event raised £130 for Breast Cancer Now! A massive thank you to all who attended and/or made donations plus a big well done to our amazing CRC volunteers for their effort in helping to organise this event to raise funds for those living with Breast Cancer! ❤️

## Peter Pan @NEC

A big THANK YOU to West Bromwich Rotary Club who donated tickets for our families to enjoy the start of the Christmas break, watching the fabulous Peter Pan Panto together! 🙌



## Winter Funland @Birmingham NEC



Finishing off the Christmas festivities with a bang, we were delighted to offer highly discounted tickets to families registered with SinglePoint for the 2023 Winter Funland event at the NEC Birmingham.



Home to the UK's largest indoor Christmas funfair, as well as unlimited rides, an ice rink for skating and a spectacular show in a 1200-seater circus, this year's Winter Funland provided an exclusive opportunity for families and their children to look forward to after the busy Christmas celebrations! 🎪

Thanks to all those who got in touch with such lovely feedback about the event, we hope to offer this opportunity again next Christmas in partnership with the Winter Funland Team!

## **Autism West Midlands Coffee Morning**



It was great to see so many visitors at SinglePoint's Autism West Midlands Awareness Coffee Morning which took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November!

We very much appreciate the visit from Autism West Midlands who helped us to create a warm, welcoming atmosphere for an interactive presentation, opportunity to ask questions and to find out more about the support available through the service. 😊 🗣️

## Rewire Youth Club

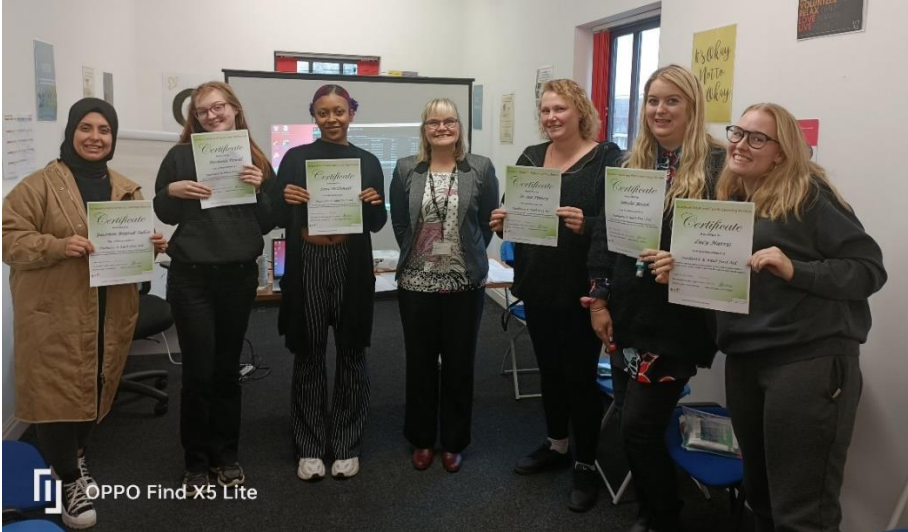
Since our last update, the Rewire Youth Club has continued in full swing with fun weekly evening sessions at Dorothy Parkes Centre & Heart of Oldbury Community Centre. We've enjoyed two recent trips for youth club with staff and children going along to Tenpin Bowling Dudley, which was great fun and gave the children an opportunity to practise their bowling skills. Some children had never bowled before so it was great to give them this opportunity through Rewire. Working in partnership with the team at West Smethwick Park, we also wrapped up warm and ventured over to the Pavilion at West Smethwick Park for an exclusive movie night of the popular Hocus Pocus film. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed these opportunities and we have more to come in 2024!!



Rewire Youth club is a free service for primary aged children in the community led by our experienced staff team. Registration for Youth Club can be completed by filling out a few details on the Dorothy Parkes website by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/Rewire-YC>

Rewire Youth Clubs are running on Tuesday's & Thursday's, register now to make sure your child doesn't miss out!!

## SAFL Paediatric First Aid Course



Congratulations to all learners who successfully completed their Paediatric & Adult First Aid course this week at SinglePoint Family Hub, Oldbury! 🎓 🎉 🙌

We would also like to thank Jackie Corns from Sandwell Adult and Family Learning Service for hosting this course and ensuring all learners feel confident in dealing with first aid scenarios in the real world! 😊

## Dates for your diary -

We would like to announce that we will be hosting School Uniform events on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - 10am-2pm and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 10am-2pm.

Additionally, we will be hosting our CRC coffee morning at St James CE Primary on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - 9:00am to 11:30am, where parents and visitors will have the chance to meet our Community Resilience Champions!

Don't forget to save these dates so you don't forget to attend! 📅

Please follow us on [Facebook](#) for news on upcoming dates or if you would like to find out more about events or services on offer at SinglePoint, please call us on 0121 544 139 or email: [communityinfo@singlepointplus.org](mailto:communityinfo@singlepointplus.org) or [admin@singlepointplus.org](mailto:admin@singlepointplus.org) for more information.