

Volunteering opportunities

At West Berkshire Mencap Children's Services we are always looking for Volunteers to help us enhance the service we offer to the children.

As a volunteer you could be involved with a range of activities, depending on what you like to do: caring for children, playing games, imaginative play, sensory play, messy play and lots more.

We are delighted that a lot of young volunteers join us from St Barts School and often stay with us long in to their University Career, re-joining us in the long Summer, Easter and Christmas holidays.

All volunteers over the age of 14 will require a DBS check (provided by West Berkshire Mencap), references and an induction. Training is also provided for you.

When our young volunteers reach the age of 18 we are always interested in you potentially progressing to becoming a paid member of the team.

We have the need for 1:1 carers to support the children and young people during school term and holidays, after-school hours, evenings, weekends and full days in the holidays. We do all the necessary checks including DBS (provided and Paid for by us), offer a variety of free training.

So, whatever time you can offer there is a volunteer opportunity waiting to gracefully receive your support.

Our services are always developing and we are always keen to hear from parents / children / young people about opportunities we can create to meet ever changing needs.

Our Childrens and Family Advisor Teams are always happy to discuss any issue you have and support you may need.

Please call us on 01635 41464

or email info@wbmencap.org or fas@wbmencap.org

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Children's Services



Dedicated to providing services, fundraising and campaigning on behalf of people with learning disabilities, their families and carers.

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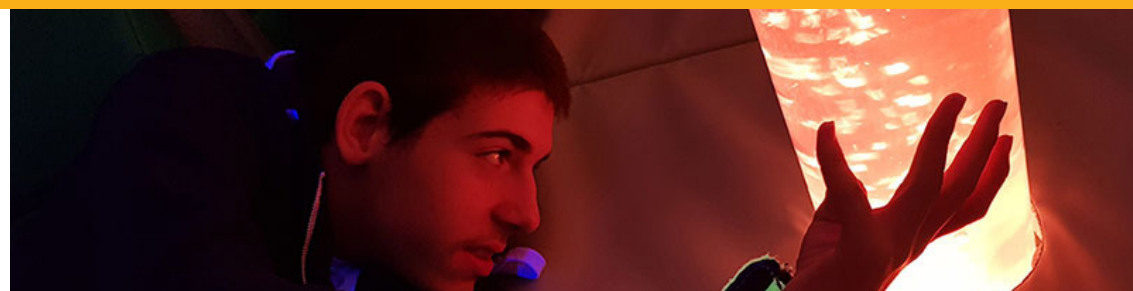
Our aim is to provide and develop safe and happy environments for children and young people (aged 5yr 9mths to 25 years) with learning disabilities and additional needs including complex physical and health needs and Profound Multiple Learning Disabilities.

To offer them equal opportunities in play, sport and development through a variety of activities and outings which are both age appropriate and enjoyable, equal to their peers without disabilities or additional needs.

Our facilities

We have a fully equipped centre in Newbury including a large hall, sensory room, soft playroom and large outdoor playground. The centre is accessible with hoists available in the soft playroom, sensory room and changing room. The playground includes swings, slides, a zip wire and a wheelchair accessible swing. We also have a large range of toys and craft activities available.

“West Berkshire Mencap” employs a Children’s team of two full time staff, many part time staff and lots of volunteers. The staff role is to develop and provide services for children with learning disabilities and their families.”



Children's Outreach

The children's outreach service provides a bespoke package of care to support children with additional needs, this support is offered at our specialist centre in Enborne Gate, Newbury, out in the community or in the child / young person's home. We design the package of care to suit the needs of the child and to work towards goals and targets they or their family wish to achieve. The cost for this service is £19.61 per hour.

If the support is in the community we can support the child or young person to access activities such as swimming, attending other clubs, social activities and travel training. Additional costs may apply for this.

Support in the home may include helping with homework, bathing and getting the young person ready for bed, helping them learn to cook.

Holiday Fun Days

Our holiday fun days run on selected dates throughout the longer school holidays and where possible each child is given a volunteer carer for the day. Our volunteers are mainly recruited from local schools and colleges and are given basic training but we also have a team of highly trained and skilled staff on site at all times.

The holiday fun days take place in our fully equipped centre in Enborne Gate, Newbury. We have lots of on-site activities planned from cooking, craft and sensory activities to pottery and visits from the Emergency Services along with a variety of people with skills and experience with different activities.

Times are 10am – 3pm cost is £49.50

*If these prices would be difficult for you, please contact us to discuss.