

Social Opportunities, Bury

Action for Children is pleased to continue to work in partnership with Bury Council delivering community based short break social opportunities for disabled children and young people aged 5-18.

Our service can only support children and young people who have been referred to us via their social worker – which then goes to a panel- and it is agreed for us to provide term time and/or school holiday support for children.

Term time provision is in the evening after school- children referred to us usually access 1-2 sessions per week for 2.5 hours and we also offer activities at weekends. These sessions take place at venues in Elton or Sunnybank area.



School holiday provision is available most school holiday dates (can vary depending on schools) where a full day 5hrs (or days) can be accessed for children to either participate in activities at Bury Athletics track or be a part of a group doing activities in the community such as bowling, cinema, swimming, day trips, theatre and much more.

A small financial contribution is requested from parents to cover the cost of activities.

We work with a wide range of agencies- schools, social workers, community venues, but most importantly children and parents. We do everything possible to ensure that children's needs are being met while they are in our care and to make sure they are enjoying themselves, making friends and learning new skills.

In addition to our term time and holiday activity programme, we also now offer our-

- Skill based service- offering children with disabilities the opportunity to gain new skills away from their usual education provision. This part of our service focuses on helping children to prepare for independence and/or transition and build their confidence. It can include developing skills around independent living, first aid, animal care and much more. Support is provided by our experienced team and skills learnt are accredited at the end.

- Participation support-offering children with disabilities the opportunity to be a part of universal and community activities with our support and guidance. We want to see children included in Brownies, Guides, swim clubs, forest schools and much more. We will do this by a member of our team supporting them to do so, for a time limited period. We will help community leaders understand their needs and enable them to participate. We will 'buddy' children so that they have increased confidence and reduced worry.



Our staff are trained to work with Children with disabilities and we have an enthusiastic and friendly team.

Testimonials

- Staff are brilliant, very approachable, service is invaluable. It gives us some respite & my child can make new friends. - **Parent feedback**
- The best bit of tonight has been playing zombies! - **young person**
- My Son goes with the biggest smile and walks out with the biggest ever smile. He really looks forward to going to his sessions. The biggest credit goes to all the fantastic staff who are all so good at what they do – they are so kind and dedicated to giving a top quality of support - **Parent Feedback**

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