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# Royal Greenwich SEND Local Offer Newsletter

Issue 5

For parents and young people

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## Spotlight on.....



### Greenwich Parent Carer Participation Forum (GPCPF)

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#### Are you interested in becoming a SEND Parent Champion?

We are looking for parent/carers who would be willing to volunteer 2-5 hours a week and meet with other parents telling them about services for children and young people with SEND through a range of different avenues.

If you are interested please email: [admin@greenwichpcpf.org](mailto:admin@greenwichpcpf.org)



#### Housing for SEND families in Greenwich

"We have been building relationships with key members of Greenwich Council with the aim to improve the understanding of the housing situation for SEND families, and to make the navigation of the system and processes easier to access for those families" **Lilian Odim**

#### IND Update

'The Integrated Neurodevelopment team is responsible for diagnosing and supporting children with ADHD and Autism. There has been a big improvement in wait times particularly for Autism diagnosis and we are happy to report that the average wait time is now under 55 weeks. There will be more updates in this area in the future. The goal is to get the wait time down to zero. The team are also looking at ways to better support families who are on the waiting list for a diagnosis' **Rachael Withers**



#### Other work in Progress:

- Collaborating with RBG SEND Outreach Services to produce the Local Offer Newsletter
- Upcoming Parent Forums
- School visits



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### SENDTIVATE Parent event

February 11th 5pm-9pm, Jubilee Community Centre.

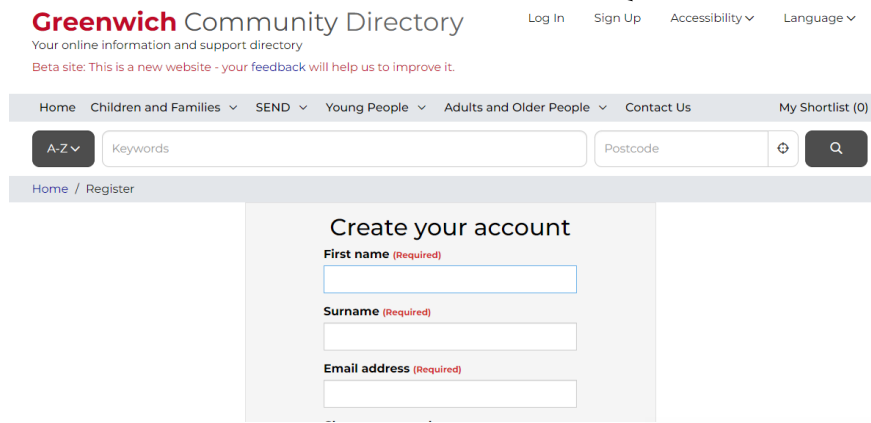
- Pamper session
- Feel good massage
- Food, cocktails

And more....why not treat yourself this Valentines



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# Top Tip



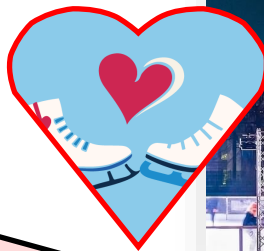
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## Good News!

### Quiet Session at the Queen's House Ice Rink Relaxed Session

One families experience....



We read about the Queen's House Ice Rink Relaxed Sessions in last month's Local Offer Newsletter and decided to give it a try. Having an eight-year-old with both Autism and a very energetic form of ADHD, ice skating has always seemed like too much stress. Walking past the Queen's House Ice Rink it has always been very busy, noisy and over-stimulating; not the sort of place my son would enjoy. In contrast the relaxed sessions had no music blasting, fewer people on the ice, and a lovely atmosphere. Things did not begin well for us when I left my phone at home with the tickets on it! I ran all the way home for it hoping we wouldn't miss the session. I came back to find my family had been kindly let in anyway and were trying boots on. There was a lovely lady employed to help people and to make life easier for families. The penguin skate aids were available for everyone – including nervous adults.

My son had an amazing time – starting off with a skate aid and quickly progressing to manic speed skating. There were plenty of stewards on the ice ready to step in as soon as anyone lost their balance -which my son did often. The best thing was my son making friends with another very similar little boy and the two of them racing around with big smiles on their faces. It was an incredibly inclusive experience and a brilliant way to start the new year. Hopefully there will be even more of these sessions next winter.

**Rachael Withers**



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