Friends for Leisure have received funding to provide 4 parent carer information sessions from now until March 2020. These information sessions will focus on services for children and young people with a disability and their carers/families.

We completed an online survey a while back which informed us of the key themes that parents would like the sessions to focus on and they would like a combination of speakers and market stalls at the events to allow the opportunity to speak to services on a one-to-one basis. These events will be held in Macclesfield but FFL registered families across Cheshire East will be invited to attend.

We are in the planning phase but have set the first 2 dates and we would like your help to provide the most up to date and informative sessions for our parents.

Each event will have a specific theme which we would like speakers to share information and advice but also services to hold a market place stall for families to speak to.

**Please let me know by email** [**hannah@friendsforleisure.org.uk**](mailto:hannah@friendsforleisure.org.uk) **ASAP if you would like to book a place at the market stall or as a speaker at one of the following events.** Speaker’s slots will be around 20 minutes with time for questions and answers. From feedback from parents/carers, we have decided to hold the events in the evening to allow more people to attend.

If you would like to attend both dates, please let me know as you are more than welcome!

**Wednesday 2nd October 6.30pm-8pm** (set up from 6pm)

Macclesfield Library, Jordangate, Macclesfield, SK10 1EE

**Themes: independent living, services after FFL (aged 21+), transition to adulthood**

Market place: services linked to the above themes plus others

**Wednesday 11th December 6.30pm-8pm** (set up from 6pm)

Macclesfield Library, Jordangate, Macclesfield, SK10 1EE

**Themes: mental health, relationships (including LGBT support), bullying**

Market place: services linked to the above themes plus others

The following sessions will be in the new year and are likely to focus on the following themes. Please let me know if you would like to be contacted about these towards the end of the year:

Late Jan/early Feb-volunteering, work experience, employment and finance

Late Feb/early March- Support for carers/parents, home education, leisure opportunities.

Many thanks

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