Education Mile

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City of London Family Information Service

Early Years news, advice and guidance for Square Mile families and settings

Hello…

Welcome to our monthly newsletter.

Our aim is to share regular local and national Information for families in the city.

If you would like to find out anything further on any items or like more advice or information, please contact the Family Information Service.

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Book Club Free books for children under 5!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting programme devoted to inspiring a love of reading in children everywhere.

Enrolled children from birth to five can receive high -quality books, sent via the post and best of all it is free of charge.

To register please click here:

https://www.fis.cityoflondon.gov.uk/education-and-schools/early-years-0-5-education/dpil

What if I think my child may have Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND)?

Most children with special educational needs make progress in Early Years through the support that is generally available in their Early Years setting, and can make a successful transition into adulthood.

If you are concerned that your child is not making the expected developmental progress you should discuss this with your child's Key Person. You may want to include the setting's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) in these discussions.

As a result of your conversations, the Nursery may decide to carry out an informal assessment of your child's needs and create an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or a Learning Support Plan (LSP). For more information click here:

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‘Day In The Life’ Hannah Conway at specialist youth charity - Renaissance Foundation

Every day my role has new experiences and challenges, making each day unique.

Renaissance Foundation is a specialist youth charity providing support to young carers and patients aged 12-18. We strengthen their resilience, develop their soft skills, and raise their aspirations.

My work is multifaceted, focusing on building and nurturing relationships with various partners, including schools, hospitals, local authorities, and other charities. Establishing these connections is vital for us to effectively support young people in our community.

Some mornings, I kick off my day by delivering assemblies at local schools, raising awareness about young carers and the challenges they face. It is a rewarding experience as I engage with students and staff, fostering understanding and empathy.

I often have meetings scheduled to discuss our strategic direction with key partners. These discussions are crucial as they help us align our goals and collaborate efficiently. In the afternoons, I dive into direct work with young people, which is the highlight of my role.

Collaborating with my amazing programme team.

We design and facilitate activities aimed at developing soft skills like confidence, teamwork, and communication.

These activities are diverse and fun, ranging from art workshops to career advice sessions. Some days, we simply share a pizza, play games, and chat with the young people.

Part of my responsibilities includes overseeing our programmes and evaluating the outcomes we are striving to achieve. I spend time analysing data and feedback to assess our impact, ensuring that we are on track to provide the best support to young people.

When I find a moment for myself, I enjoy baking, a passion that brings relaxation. I used to play the piano, and I am determined to find time to reconnect with that hobby, as music has always been an essential part of my life.

Well-Being and Personal Time

Although I’m not the best at prioritising breakfast, I sometimes whip up a vegan scrambled tofu on toast to start my day. During weekends, I focus more on my well-being and enjoy preparing nourishing meals. As a vegan, I love experimenting with new recipes that are not only healthy but also fulfilling.

Each day brings new tasks and adventures

In summary, my days are packed with meaningful interactions, strategic planning, and outreach, all centred around creating a supportive environment for young carers. And while every day brings new tasks and adventures, it is the connections I form that truly drive my passion for this work.

Renaissance Foundation contact details:

*H*annah Conway - Programme Director and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Website:

Renaissance Foundation: London youth charity for Young Carers and Young Patients (renaissance-foundation.com)

Email:

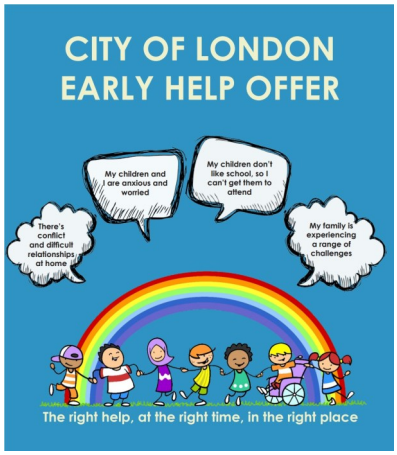
outreach@renaissance-foundation.com

Early Help!

Children and their families sometimes require support when things are not going as well as they could be.
The City of London's Early Help team works alongside children and their families to make positive changes to people's lives, supporting them so they can access relevant services to prevent any difficulties from worsening.

Find out how to self refer here.

[Early Help Service - City of London Family Information Service]



City of London Services and Activities for Children & Families September to December 2024

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For the latest information about services, activities and events, visit: https://www.fis.cityoflondon.gov.uk/

Venue Colour Key:

- **City Child & Family Centre,** St James's Passage, Duke's Place EC3A 5DE T: 020 7283 1147 E: ccfc@thealdgateschool.org
- **Artizan Street Library,** 1 Artizan Street E1 7AF T: 020 7332 3810 E: artizanlib@cityoflondon.gov.uk
- **Shoe Lane Library,** 1 Little New Street EC4A 3JR T: 020 7583 7178 E: shoelane@cityoflondon.gov.uk
- **Barbican Library,** Barbican Centre EC2Y 8DS T: 0207 628 9447 E: barbicanlib@cityoflondon.gov.uk
- **Golden Lane Community Centre,** Fann Street EC1Y 0S T: 0207 608 2753/0207 332 1231 E: adulteducation@cityoflondon.gov.uk
- **Guildhall West Wing** 71 Basinghall Street EC2V 7HH T: 0207 608 2753/0207 332 1231 E: adulteducation@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Baby & Toddler Orchestra Time 9.30 - 10 am	**Stay & Play** Contact staff for more info. AM or PM session 9 - 11 am or 1 - 3.15 pm	**Speech & Language Therapist** Appointments via the SALT team Call 020 7683 4587 1st Wednesday of month 1.30 - 3.30 pm	**Baby Massage** Four sessions. Booking required. 10 - 11 am	**Stay & Play** Contact staff for more info. AM or PM session 9 - 11 am or 1 - 3.15 pm	**Bookstart Rhyme Time** 0 - 5 years old 10.45 - 11.15 am
Baby Clinic - Appointment Only With City Health Visitor (020 76834151) Last Monday of the month 1 - 3 pm	**Family Lives Parenting Advice** For appointments email Gill Family Support Worker gillw@familylives.org.uk	**Breast & Infant Feeding Group** 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month 11 am - 1 pm	**Sensory Room** Booking Essential - Three 20 mins slots Contact staff via details above 10.15 - 11.15 am	**Bookstart Rhyme Time** 0 - 5 years old 10.45 - 11.15 am	**Saturday Monster Art Club** All welcome 2 - 3.30 pm
Sensory Room Booking Essential - Three 20 mins slots Contact staff via details above 10 - 11.15 am	**Rhyme Time** Ages 0 - 5 10.30 -11.30 am	**Family & Adult Learning** (Enrolment required) Certificate in Supporting Teaching & Learning Level Two 9.30 am - 3 pm	**Rhyme Time** Ages 0 - 5 10 – 10.30 am	**Friday Monster Art Club** All welcome 4 - 5 pm	**Adult Skills & Education: ESOL Entry 2 to 3** Speak, read and write English (Enrolment required) 10 am - 4 pm
Family & Adult Learning (Enrolment required) Sewing 9.30 - 11.30 am (with creche) Community Sewing Group 1- 3 pm	**Pick and Play Puzzles** All welcome Ages 0 - 9 2 - 6 pm	**Calm Colouring** All welcome 3.30 - 5 pm	**Stay & Play** Ages 0 - 5 10.30 - 11.30 am	**Family & Adult Learning Exploring Drawing** (Enrolment required) 1.30 - 4 pm	
Calm Colouring All welcome Ages 5+ 3 - 5 pm	**IT Help Drop-in** All welcome 5.30 - 7pm	**Rhyme Time** Ages 0 - 5 10.30 -11.30 am	**Messy Play for under 5s** Ages 0 - 5 Last Thursday of the month 10.30 - 11.30 am	**Adult Skills & Education: ESOL Entry 2 to 3** Speak, read and write English (Enrolment required) 5 - 8 pm	
Bookstart Rhyme Time Ages 0 - 5 10.45 - 11.15 am	**Adult Skills & Education: ESOL Entry 1 to 2** Speak, read and write English (Enrolment required) 9.30 am - 2.30 pm	**Breast & Infant Feeding Group** 3rd Wednesday of the month 10 am - 12 pm	**Games Club** All welcome 5.30 - 7 pm		
Bookstart Story Time Ages 3+ 4 - 4.30 pm	**Adult Skills & Education: Functional Skills Level 1 Maths** (Enrolment required) 9.30 am - 2.30 pm	**Toy Time** Ages 0 - 5 12 - 2 pm	**Professional Development and Employability: First Steps Into Computing** (Enrolment required) 1 - 4 pm		
Pick and Play Puzzles Ages 0 - 11 3 - 6.30 pm	**Adult Skills & Education: Functional Skills Level 2 Maths** (Enrolment required) 9.30 am - 2.30 pm	**Family & Adult Learning: The Art Class on Wednesday** (Enrolment required) 10 am - 12.30 pm	**Family & Adult Learning: Sewing and Textiles** (Enrolment required) 1 - 3 pm		

Childcare
If you need to know more about childcare options and funding, please visit:
https://www.fis.cityoflondon.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare

Toynbee City Advice Surgeries are on local estates. For more information please go to: https://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/whats-on/

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