

North Tyneside SEND Youth Forum

SEND stands for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

A **forum** is a group in which Ideas and views on particular issues can be talked about

North Tyneside SEND Youth Forum are a group of children and young people who are passionate about making sure those with SEND have opportunities to share their views and experiences, are listened to and heard.



Who can join North Tyneside SEND Youth Forum?

- Children and young people aged between 12 – 25 years old
- Children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) themselves or those who have an interest in promoting youth voice for those who have SEND
- Young people who live or attend education or training in North Tyneside



Where does the group meet?

North Tyneside Council Offices

Quadrant East, 16 Silverlink North, NE27 0BY

You can also join the meeting virtually on Microsoft Teams.





17:00

How often does the SEND Youth Forum meet?

Each month we have a group meeting

Day : **Wednesday**

Time: **17:30 till 19:00**

Sometimes we have other meetings during the month to work on particular tasks.

Who supports North Tyneside SEND Youth Forum?

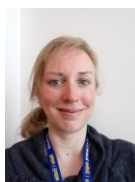


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who are North Tyneside Council staff



Usually Elizabeth Parker a member of North Tyneside Participation and Advocacy Team will run sessions on Microsoft Teams.

What happens at SEND Youth Forum meetings?

The group discuss

- Issues that are important to them
- Ways to include other children and young people with SEND in decision making
- Local and national opportunities to be involved and share their views



The group offers adults who work for North Tyneside Council, Health, Education , Social Care and other services who work with Children and Young people the opportunity to come and work together.

Here's what our members would like to tell you about the SEND Youth Forum



What do you enjoy about the SEND Youth Forum?

I'm helping to making sure everyone with SEND has the opportunity to have a voice and give their views

Doing new things which help me feel more self confident

Working as a team

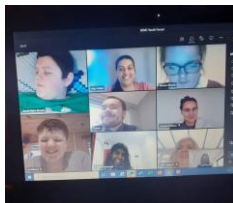
Getting to meet new people

Working with adults from different organisations and finding out about their jobs and what they do for children and young people.

What have you taken part in since joining the SEND Youth Forum?



We reviewed the Local Offer and asked children and young people to give their views. One of the changes they would like to see is more video explanations. The SEND Youth Forum have made a video about the Local Offer



We shared our views about the Covid 19 pandemic. Our views will contribute to the National Pandemic Recovery For Children with SEND



We planned an event for decision makers in North Tyneside to listen to children with SEND we hope to do this again soon.

What happens to the views shared at the SEND Youth Forum?

Minutes from our meetings are shared with

- Senior managers in North Tyneside Council, Health, Education and Social Care.
- Each month a SEND Youth Forum member attends North Tyneside Youth Council to give an update on the SEND Youth Forums work



The minutes are available to read on **North Tyneside SEND Local Offer** in the Engagement section.

You can find North Tyneside's Local Offer on North Tyneside Council's website. The Local Offer provides information about the services you can expect to find in your local area for children and young people with SEND.



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