

# New Parent Carer Drop-In Sessions — Coming to Three Derbyshire Locations!



Something new we're trying... and we'd love you to join us

This spring, we're really pleased to be offering three brand-new, welcoming drop-in sessions for parent carers across the county. These sessions bring together support from Derbyshire's Educational Psychology Service, DIASS, and — we hope — colleagues from the Neuro Hubs too.

Whether you're looking for 1-to-1 advice, a listening ear, or simply a cuppa and a friendly chat with Forum trustees and reps, you'll find a warm, relaxed atmosphere where you can take things at your own pace.

## Where and When

- **Tideswell Community Hall**, Church Lane, Tideswell, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 8PD — Friday 20th March 10am - 2pm
- **Hasland Village Hall**, Eastwood Park, Hasland Road, Chesterfield, S41 0AY — Thursday 26th March 10am - 2pm
- **Melbourne Assembly Rooms (Studio)** High Street, Melbourne, Derbyshire, DE73 8GF — Friday 24th April 10am - 2pm

## Talk with a Derbyshire Educational Psychologist (EP)

We're delighted that the Educational Psychology Service will be offering bookable 30-minute conversations at each drop-in.

These one-off sessions provide a supportive space to:

- Talk through your experiences openly in a non-judgemental environment
- Explore different ways of understanding a situation
- Consider possible steps forward together
- With your permission, the EP may also raise your young person's situation with their linked school/setting if appropriate

All conversations are confidential, and nothing will be shared without your explicit consent.

A more detailed overview of the 30-minute EP conversations is available on our website if you'd like to read more before booking

## Support from DIASS

A DIASS worker will be available at every session to offer independent, confidential and impartial guidance for SEND families. They can support you with:

- Understanding SEND law and your rights as a parent carer
- Questions about EHCPs, assessments, reviews, and personal budgets
- Information about health and social care relating to your child's education
- Navigating the Local Offer and understanding what services are available
- Advice to help you feel informed and involved in decisions about your child's support

## Neuro Hub Colleagues (Hopefully!)

We're also really hopeful that someone from the Neuro Hubs will be joining us at each session to offer advice, signposting, and insight into local neurodiversity support.

## Pop In for a Chat

If you'd just like to come along, meet other parent carers, and enjoy a hot drink and a chat with Forum trustees and reps, you'll be warmly welcomed.

## Booking Your Place

### General Attendance

To help us plan numbers, please book your place by emailing:

[Info@derbyshireparentcarervoice.org](mailto:Info@derbyshireparentcarervoice.org)

Just let us know which location you'll be attending.

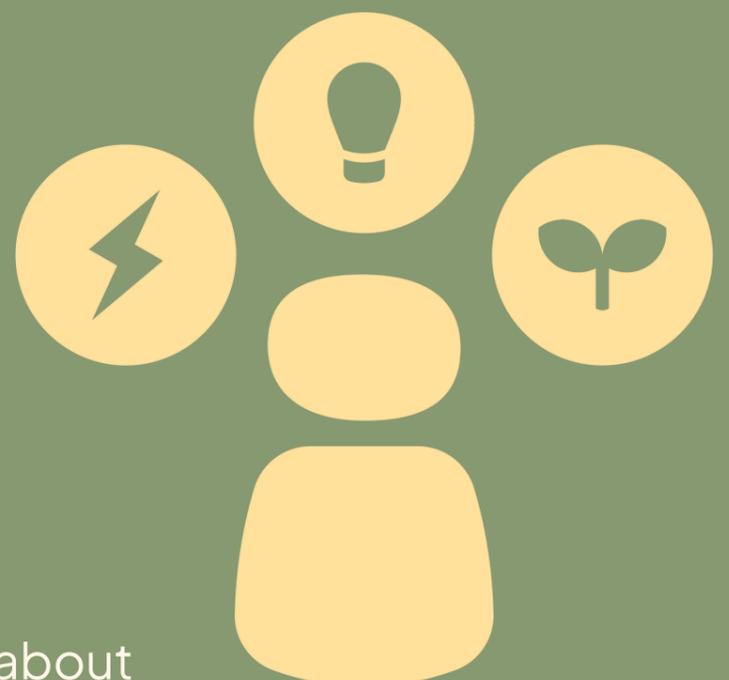
### Booking a 30-Minute EP Conversation

If you'd like a dedicated EP slot, please email:

[info@derbyshireparentcarervoice.org](mailto:info@derbyshireparentcarervoice.org)

Please include:

- Your name
- Which location you want to attend
- Morning or afternoon preference
- (Optional) A brief note on what you'd like to talk about



EP slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and we'll let you know if a waiting list forms.