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Five ways to access support: choose the way that supports you and your family



Local Offer website

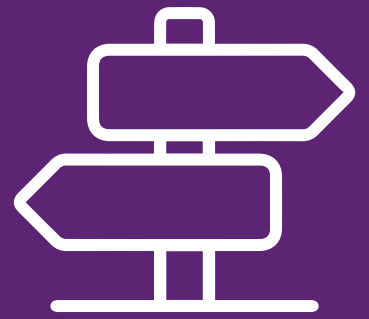
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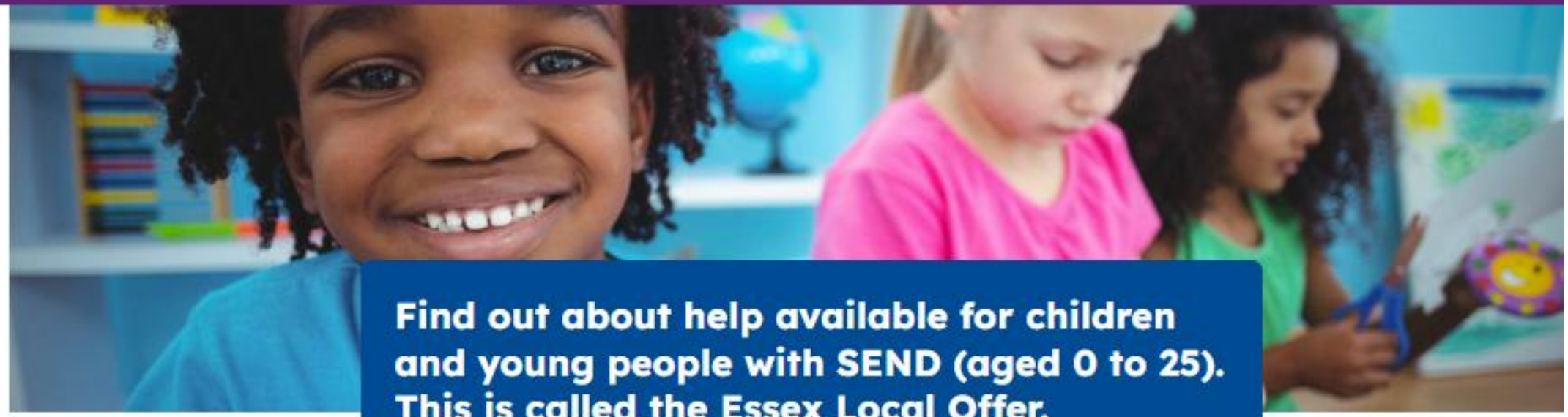


SEND Roadshows

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Search our website



Find out about help available for children and young people with SEND (aged 0 to 25). This is called the Essex Local Offer.

I think my child needs help

A guide about the first steps to take, who you can speak to and planning for the future

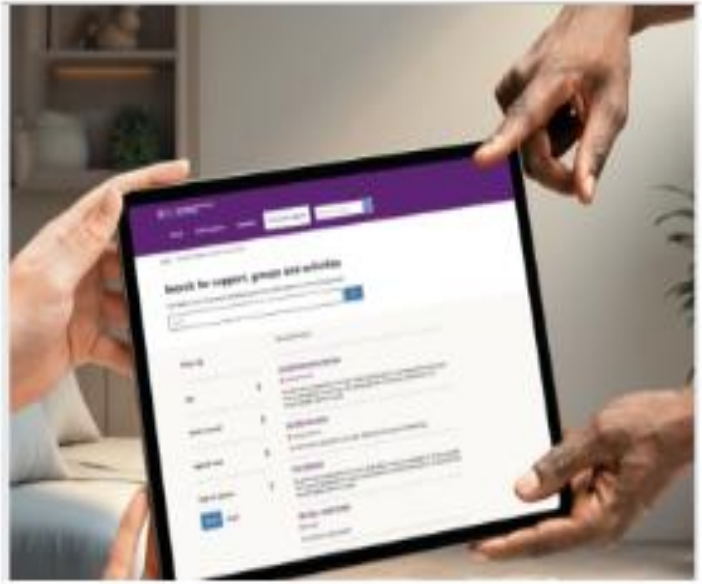
Help with learning

Find out about help available at nursery, school, or college

Health and wellbeing

Find out how to access the right health support for your needs







Visit the SPACE website

Get support from parents and carers with personal experience. Find out more information, attend a webinar or speak with a member of the team.

Search our directory

Search our directory for local support services, activities and events, and places to visit. Use the filters to search by area, support type, age and more.

Visit a Roadshow

Get face-to-face support and advice from SEND practitioners and local support services across education, health and social care.

Local Offer roadshows

Roadshows are all about:

- making support more accessible
- helping families feel informed and connected
- creating a space where families can speak directly to people.

The roadshows happen **three times a year**—in the Spring, Summer, and Autumn term - with **one in each Quadrant.**

- Spring term are in centralized locations.
- Autumn and summer we travel to more ‘remote’ areas – trying to ensure transport is never a barrier to families.
- This spring we will be holding two weekend roadshows

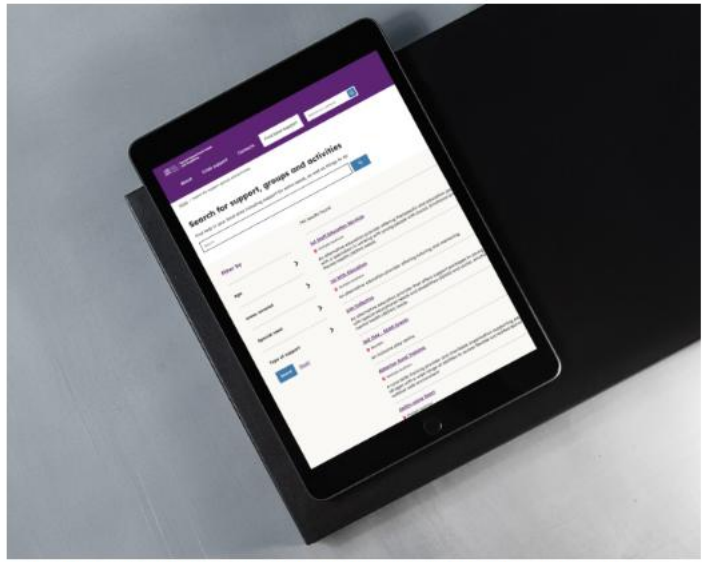
Watch a video and find out more: Essex Local Offer Roadshows | Essex Local Offer

SPACE –Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex

- **Autism Central** supported families of autistic children and young people for the past two years.
- Thanks to fantastic feedback from families, we're keeping the successful Peer Educator model for the next 18 months (hopefully longer!).
- **From October 01**, the service will have a new name - **SPACE (Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex)**.
- It will continue to be delivered by our brilliant peer educators, The offer will remain the same (1:1 support, online session, resources and events).
- We're excited to develop SPACE to support families of children with a wider range of SEND needs, not just autism.



News and Updates



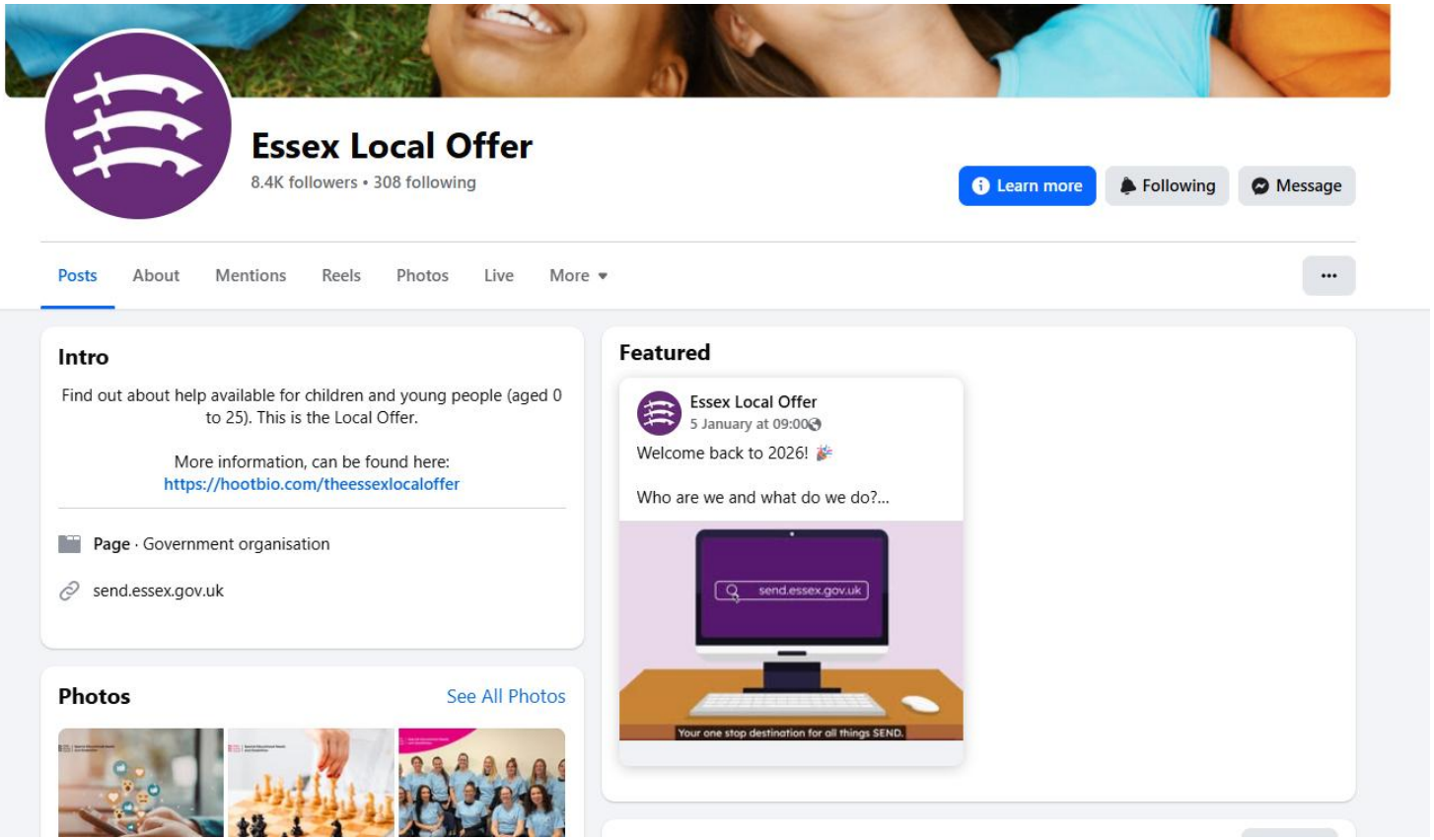
Looking for inclusive activities to do with your child or young person? The Essex Local Offer directory has got you covered. Our online directory has over 700 local services, from trampolining clubs to soft plays. Here are some of our newest listings:

- The Connected Circle SEND Youth Club - a youth club offering discos, arts and crafts and more
- Velora Autism Corner - offer support programmes for autistic young people
- Longmead riding centre - offer horse riding lessons and equine tailored activities

Click here to visit the Essex Local Offer Directory

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MultiSchools Council

Home - Multi Schools Council



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For schools and colleges

- MSC meetings (Share Zones)
- School delivery programme – assemblies, workshops
- Awards System
- Good Practice Seekers

For young people

- MSC Ambassadors
- Latimer football league

Annual Events

- United in Diversity
- Invincible Games
- STAY transition support

Regional

- VOTE (Voices of the East)

Takeaways

- Take a look at the **Local Offer website** - especially the **directory** to signpost families. There are now 750 services on the directory. Add a link to the Local Offer website to your school website.
- Subscribe to the **Local Offer newsletter** – and share the link with your families.
- Share the next **Local Offer SEND roadshow** with your families - Monday 9 March 2026 - 9.30am to 12.30pm - Harlow Playhouse, College Gate, Harlow, CM20 1LS
- Invite **a SPACE peer educator** to your next parent coffee meeting or host a SPACE workshop
- Join the next West Essex **Multi Schools Council** 'Share Zone' meeting - email Amy Gair.
- Link Amy Gair with any possible young ambassadors - Multi Schools Council Quadrant Facilitator <Amy.Gair@essex.gov.uk>