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By Rebekah Bailey (social media & comms volunteer)

Hello all!! Welcome to our August Newsletter with updates about what's been going on and things to look forward to ⁽²⁾

Upcoming events calendar can be found at the bottom of the newsletter

Coffee Mornings are back!

West Norwood Library, Community Room

On Friday 10th June a coffee morning was held in West Norwood Library. A great time was had by all that attended. We will be holding another on 21st August and 18th September. This will be a coffee afternoon alongside a stay and play session. Please feel free to come along and join us! Light refreshments provided.

Art4Space Creative Workshops

Art4Space, Stockwell, SW4 6QU

We held the first Art4Space workshop on Tuesday 26th July. It was extremely fun with an excellent teacher where we made clay pots and mosaic coasters. Everyone had a great time in a relaxing and enjoyable two hours in a very comfortable studio space. Please join us as there are two more in August (9th and 23rd) with a focus on textiles, clay, or mosaics. Here are some pictures of the creations (we are such a talented bunch!!!).



CREATIVE





Art Competition

Speaking of art!!

NAS are holding a 60th anniversary art competition. The theme is '60 Years of the National Autistic Society'. They are asking for people to send in 60th-themed art of photography that could feature in "Your Autism" magazine or "The Spectrum" magazine. They would like to show how far the charity and attitudes towards autistic people have changed over 60 years, and what that looks like to you.

More info on their website: <u>https://www.autism.org.uk/what-we-do/who-we-are/60th-anniversary-art-competition</u>

NAS Stories

More creativity!!

NAS are also collecting stories from people who use their local NAS branch and have been helped by NAS! If you are interested please email us or Natalie (senior branch engagement officer) and she will put you in touch with the project lead!!

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Relaxed Cinema Screenings

Barbican Centre, EC2Y 8DS



Barbican Centre are offering Relaxed Cinema events every month with accessible screenings. The lights are dimmed, but not off, volume is a little lower than usual and you may move around whilst the film is on. August's film is 'Where the Crawdads Sing' (a great book – would recommend).

The link for more info is here: <u>https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/series/relaxed-screenings</u>

Friday Fundays

West Norwood Leisure Centre, SE27 0DF

Every Friday in August, there will be Fundays held at West Norwood Leisure Centre. Starting from 12:30 with activities including a bouncy castle, yoga, dance, and swimming. If you want any further details our emails are at the bottom of the newsletter. The link to sign up is in the box below!

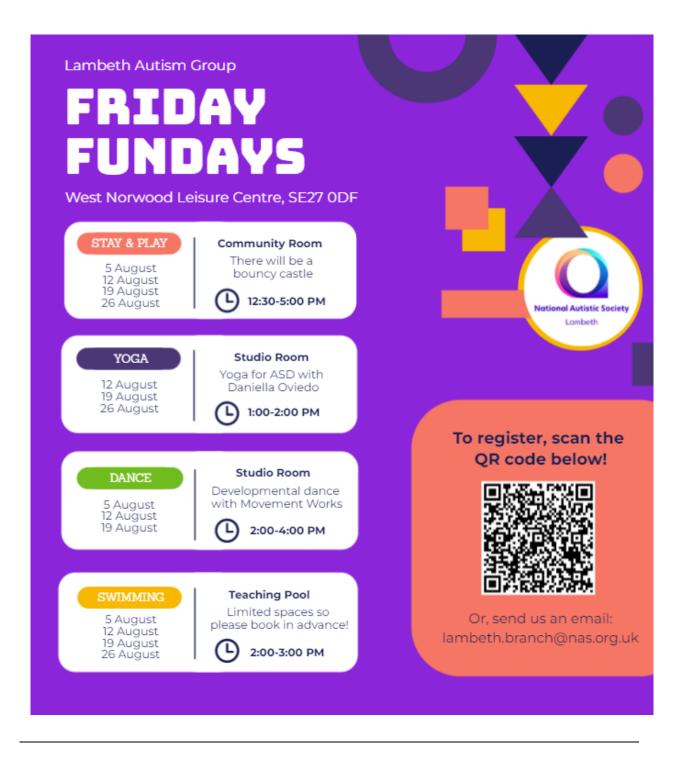
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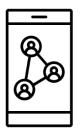








RESEARCH / INFORMATION



Free Online Information Sessions

Courses for parents and carers of autistic children

Auternative Coaching are a small, not-for-profit organisation who want to improve the lives of autistic people and their families. They specialize in coaching adapted for autistic people. There are two courses, one is six weeks and one is five weeks. If you would like to know more their website is:

www.auternativecoaching.com



Research:

Research about autistic people's experiences of healthcare (age 50+)

University College London are looking for people to take part in their study into the healthcare needs of autistic adults aged 50 or over. They also want to include the perspective of carers of autistic people. They want to understand the barriers to accessing services and how to overcome these barriers. Participating involves a talk to the research team, an interview (online), and a £15 voucher. If you are interested please contact:

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Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteering Opportunities with LAG

We are always looking for people to join us and become part of our friendly and inclusive committee. We have many opportunities to be part of LAG and try to help the autistic community in Lambeth to the best of our abilities.

We are mainly looking for volunteers to be at the events that we host, but any help is always appreciated.

If you would like to be a volunteer the process is very simple. Please contact Charissa Khoo with your details (contact details at the bottom of the newsletter). You will need to fill an application form and provide references, which will then be followed with some mandatory safeguarding courses online. Then you are ready to join us!



Suggestions:

We are always happy to take any suggestions. This could be surrounding activities, things you would like to see more of, issues you may like to raise with the group, or about forms of communication.

Whatever the topic, we are happy to help and discuss with you! Please feel free to contact either Charissa Khoo (Committee Chair) or myself (Social Media and Communications Officer) and we will do our best to help you. Our emails can be found at the bottom of the newsletter.

ANY ISSUES? CONTACT US

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