

## January 2025 Update: Leeds Local Offer

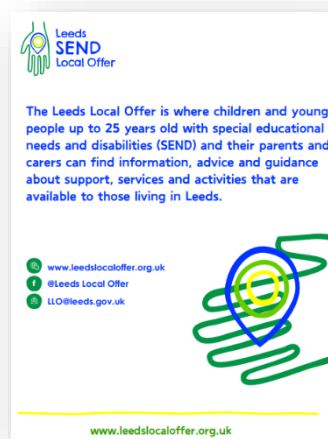
On January 16<sup>th</sup> **Kayleigh Thurlow**, the person who runs [Leeds SEND Local Offer](https://leedslocaloffer.org.uk), came to visit the group. She was able to explain the service and share some resources, tips and events with us, and help answer a few questions that parents and carers had.

“The Leeds Local Offer provides information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents or carers in a single place. It shows families what they can expect from a range of local agencies including education, health and social care.

The Leeds Local Offer is about providing families with information to make informed choices about services they chose to use.”

Kayleigh talked to us about the [Leeds SEND Local Offer Website](https://leedslocaloffer.org.uk), (leedslocaloffer.org.uk) how to navigate it and what to do if parents/carers need something that is not currently listed.

To find out more about the service, [click to download a copy of the new LLO information booklet here](#):



Kayleigh was excited to share about the upcoming [Leeds Local Offer Live](#) event, which will be held at Pudsey Civic Hall on 26th March 2025 at 10am till 3pm. A free, drop-in, marketplace style event, which happens annually and is an opportunity for parents and carers of SEND children & young people to find out what SEND support is available in the Leeds area. [Click here to book your free place](#).

Kayleigh also facilitates the monthly SEND Parent Forum [leedsparentcarerforum.co.uk](https://leedsparentcarerforum.co.uk).



To participate, email:

[LLO@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:LLO@leeds.gov.uk), Or to join the LLO Facebook group, click on the link or the image below:

[facebook.com/groups/leedslocaloffer](https://facebook.com/groups/leedslocaloffer)



*Some requests for Kayleigh to find and add to the LLO website were:*

- ❖ A database of voluntary and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector employers that would support YP looking for work/work trials and experience
- ❖ Advice and support for anyone experiencing Emotionally Based School Avoidance
- ❖ Driving instructors who specialise in supporting neurodivergent/SEND people
- ❖ Counsellors who specialise in supporting neurodivergent/SEND people.

*Any other requests that you may have for signposting, please do email Kayleigh at:*

[LLO@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:LLO@leeds.gov.uk).

We look forward to seeing you at [the next in-person group session, 5:00-6:30pm on Thursday February 13th](#), either in-person or [please book here to join remotely](#).

We will be welcoming **Thomas Chalk** from [Through The Maze](#), who will be joining us to talk to parents and carers about the the services they offer and how to access them.

[Please book your free ticket on Eventbrite](#) and we will see you then!

Best wishes,  
Emily and Shelley

