

# SOUTH TYNESIDE SENDIASS 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

The **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

## SEND YOUTH FORUM

### WHO CAN JOIN THE SEND YOUTH FORUM?

- Children and young people aged between 14 – 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
- Children and young people who live or go to school in South Tyneside

### WHERE DOES THE FORUM MEET?

Meetings take place virtually on Microsoft Teams.  
Don't worry if you haven't used this before, we can help you.



## HOW OFTEN DOES THE SEND YOUTH FORUM MEET?



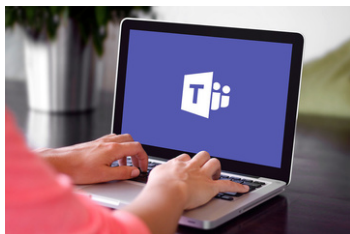
Meetings take place virtually on Microsoft Teams on the last Tuesday of the month.

## WHO SUPPORTS THE SEND YOUTH FORUM?



South Tyneside SENDIASS supports the SEND Youth Forum. Sessions will usually be run by Ryan and another member of SENDIASS 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 South 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 SAY ABOUT THE SEND YOUTH FORUM



"I like having the chance to meet other young people"

"I've given my feedback as part of the SEND Review Consultation"



## WHAT HAPPENS TO VIEWS SHARED AT MEETINGS?



Notes from our meetings are shared with

- Senior managers at South Tyneside Council, Health, Education and Social Care colleagues where your thoughts and experiences might be helpful.

All of the notes are anonymous, and no personal details are shared unless we have talked about this with you, or we think that you may be in danger.

## FIND OUT MORE



Visit the SENDIASS website for more information about the SEND Youth Forum:

[www.southtynesidesendiass.co.uk](http://www.southtynesidesendiass.co.uk)

## GETTING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECOGNISED

Thanks to our partnership with Vinspired as an approved awards provider, young people have the opportunity to record the time they give to appropriate activities and projects through the SEND Youth Forum and be recognised through vInspired Awards.

Vinspired Awards help young people showcase their volunteering experience to schools, colleges, universities and potential employers. As part of the Skills Builder Partnership, Vinspired Awards give young people an opportunity to reflect on their experience, recognise their skills and stand out from the crowd

## GET IN TOUCH

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