



NEWHAM PARENT FORUM

Empowering Parents and Influencing Services

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National Network of Parent Carer Forums
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“Empowering Parents and Influencing Services”

- ▶ ***Newham Parent Forum is part of the National Network of Parent Carer Forums.***
- ▶ ***The national network has 151 forums and a national membership totaling over 88,000: they contribute to local, regional and national consultations.***
- ▶ ***Each Parent Carer Forum includes parent carers with a range of experiences in Health, Education and Social Care as their children have a range of conditions.***
- ▶ ***NPF is a voluntary group of parents and Carers of children and young people (0-25) with special/additional needs and disabilities (SEND) living in the London Borough of Newham. We provide an opportunity for parents and Carers to express their views and input into the planning and delivery of SEND services. We signpost and empower families to obtain the best possible support and services for their children. The work of the forum is supported by [Contact](#) and we are a member of the [National Network of Parent Carer Forums \(NNPCF\)](#).***
- ▶ ***The Department for Education stipulates that there is one Parent Carer Forum per Local Authority area. Our forum is funded by a DfE grant for £17,500.***



“Solution focused approach and walking the path to get things right for Newham SEND families”

▶ OUR GOALS and PRIORITY:

- **Improve the lives of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities and their families.**
- **Creating a safe space where parents and carers can share their experiences and support each other.**
- **Helping to bridge the barriers between Local Authority and SEND Families by encouraging co-production with send families and involving families in processes by services providers.**
- **We work in partnership with the Local Authority and Health.**
- **Creating opportunities for parents and carers to influence the decisions that affect their families, by contributing to the development of services which should meet the needs of their families.**
- **Raising awareness of the issues faced by Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their families.**
- **Families are at the heart of everything we do.**

▶ WHAT WE DO?

- **Collaborating with others, Improving Services – SEND Families & Matters are at the HEART of what we DO!**
- **Hold Events & Training - Coffee mornings - Website - Newsletters**
- **Social Media - Collecting views - Attending meetings – Signpost SEN Families**



“What’s important to Us, SEN children, young people and families?”

- ▶ Quality Services
- ▶ Easy Access and Clear Pathways - to all parents
- ▶ In-house Therapies in all schools with SEN pupils
- ▶ Quick Resolutions on Issues
- ▶ Service providers should adequately support families
- ▶ Recreational Services(After school clubs, Holiday clubs)
 - For Teens/Young adults
 - For Children

FORUM Members

- ▶ Reward and Recognition for the time they give
- ▶ Attendance at Strategic Meetings to have our say





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