

What is the Parent Buzz Network?

The Parent Buzz Network is the Register of parents/carers held by the Children & Young People's Information Service (CYPIS).

Call free on 0800 169 8833

Or local rate 023 8083 3014

Email: cypis@southampton.gov.uk

www.youngsouthampton.org

The Forum oversees the network, information/consultation/participation work of the Buzz Network.

CYPIS look after the enrolment process.

What is the PAT Mark?

Is a **mark of excellence** for disabled young people's services. It is awarded by parents and carers who have been trained as assessors.

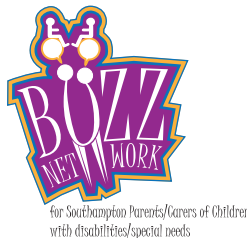


Services, organisations and projects are assessed against set criteria of:

- Involvement, Inclusion, Participation
- Safety
- Environment and Layout
- Policies and Procedures
- Communication, information, feedback, links
- Staff and organisation

Being awarded a PAT mark shows a commitment to providing a good-quality service which successfully meets the needs of all disabled young people and their families.

Any parent in the Buzz Network can train as a PAT Mark Assessor, please contact us for more details.



for Southampton Parents/Carers of Children with disabilities/special needs

How To Contact Us!

Website: www.sotonabuzz.org

By phone: 023 8023 0464

By email: info@sotonabuzz.org



Southampton A-buzz
Parent Forum and Parent Buzz
Network (closed group)

By post:

Southampton A-buzz Forum
c/o Southampton Voluntary Services (SVS)
The Voluntary Action Centre
Kingsland Square
St Mary Street
Southampton
SO14 1NW

You can get this written information in other Formats/languages.



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Are you a parent/carer of a child/young person with a disability/special needs

We are the central co-ordinating voice in Southampton for parents and carers

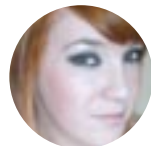


Southampton A-buzz Parent Forum

Meet the Team:



Francesca Lambert, Chair
Lead, Parent Participation
Parent of twins with Down's Syndrome, eldest son has ASD



Tammy Marks, Vice-chair
Parent of two sons with autism



Jenny Burnage, 2nd Treasurer
Parent of son who has a rare chromosome disorder



Colleen Grice, 2nd Vice-chair
Parent of daughter with Tetrasomy 18p syndrome



Gemma Cramer, Treasurer
Parent of son with autism

Lynette Richardson, Secretary
Parent of son with LD/physical/visual disabilities

Shadi Disele
Parent of daughter with Down's Syndrome

Rebecca Shannon
Parent of son with Down's Syndrome

Aidie Chapman
Parent of daughter with Rubenstien Taybi Syndrome

Neil & Jo Morley's son has complex learning difficulties and sensory processing disorder

Tracey Pettit
Parent of son who is profoundly deaf

Zoe Harris
Parent of son with autism/ADHD

We are:

An independent group of parents/carers of children/young people with disabilities/special needs.

We are a committed and effective action group working with service providers and professionals in the city council, NHS and the Voluntary Sector.

What we do:

- Provide a **central voice** to all parents and carers of disabled children and young people living in Southampton city
- Monitor and shape **parent participation** through the Buzz Network
- **Awareness Raising** – about parents' *real* concerns with a collective voice
- **Signposting** – to help parents/carers to useful sources of information/help and support
- **Providing training**, awareness and buddying for parents and carers
- To develop a **parent befriending/advice service** within the city (2010/11)
- To **influence** and shape current and future service provision and to monitor the delivery of services for our families
- **Reach out** to disadvantaged families and those who find it difficult to express their views
- **Build close links** with other community groups
- **Host events** for parents and their families to consult and participate in a positive way whilst having fun!
- Develop the **PAT (Parents Action Team) Mark** with our partner forums in the South

How can I take part in the Forum?

Get in touch, our contact details are on the back page.

Will you provide training?

We have courses that will help you be really effective.

I don't speak English as my first language/use sign language?

We can arrange interpreters.

I'm very busy, how would I fit it in?

The Main forum meets monthly in the evenings. We also have sub-groups for dealing with particular issues. These groups report back to the main Forum. We have sub-groups on Changing Facilities, PAT Mark, Transition, Early Support/Years.

Any parent registered with Buzz Network can bring an idea/matter/concern to the Forum by contacting the Chair. We are also pleased to work with Support groups on common Issues for the benefit of all.

