

Sandwell Council

The support provided to Sandwell was delivered through the Department for Education funded Participation, Information and Advice Contract which KIDS delivers alongside consortium partners CDC, the NNPCF, and Contact.

Representatives from Kids² worked to develop an accessible consultation for young people with SEND across the Sandwell area, after being contacted by the local commissioning team, and local participation leads from Sandwell Children's Trust³.

Sandwell's support overview:

1. Guidance and support to initiate work with young people with SEND.
2. A demonstration session in person that gathers young people's feedback on the localities Short Break offer.
3. Identifying ways local participation practitioners can continue with their professional development.

2.1 Opportunities

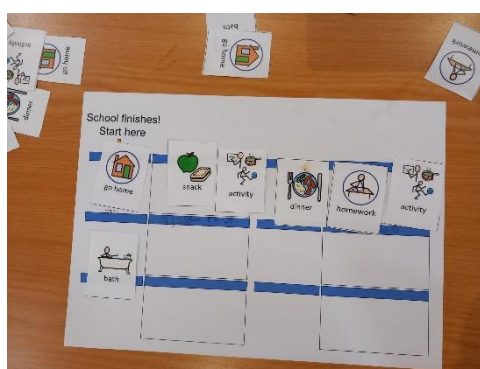
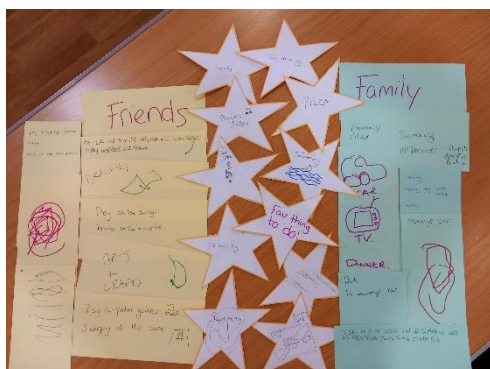
Throughout this report we have made recommendations based on the development and outcomes of the session, combined with over 8 years' experience working on participation with local authorities across England.

Opportunity 1: *The locality should use the information collated by the lead consultation organisation to underpin it's service review and future commissioning work for short breaks.*

Opportunity 2: *Practitioners should be encouraged to take up these free opportunities for CPD and networking shared by Kids.*

Opportunity 3: *The above opportunities for young people should be shared across the area, including via the Local Offer.*

KIDS would like to maintain contact with the local area, being kept informed of progress against the above recommendations.



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