

BOLTON SMILEY FACES

Local mutual support group for children with Down's Syndrome and their parents/carers living in Bolton



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Group Meeting Dates

Venue: Leverhulme Pavillion,
Long lane, Brightmet, BL2 6EB

Time: 1pm until 3pm

January 09th 2011
February 13th 2011
March 13th 2011
April 10th 2011
May 08th 2011
June 12th 2011
July 10th 2011
August 14th 2011
September 11th 2011
October 09th 2011
November 13th 2011
December 11th 2011

Useful Websites

www.downs-syndrome.org.uk
www.downsed.org.uk
dsresearch.stanford.edu/index.html
www.mencap.org.uk
www.ds-health.com
www.cafamily.org.uk
www.disability-grants.org
www.dsmanchester.org.uk
www.bacpacbolton.org.uk
www.dsburry.org.uk

Annual AGM meeting

**Will be at the beginning of July
Date, time & location to be
published ASAP**

June 2011

18th June 2011 - Its Saturday club at the donkey sanctuary in Manchester. For more details go to: <http://www.elisabethsvendsentrust.org.uk/manchester>

25th June 2011 - Splashing good times 2pm til 4pm. There's still lots of places available to book your place now !! Email boltonsmileyfaces@gmail.com to book your place.

Bolton Smiley Faces Art Club

We have recently been in talks with a lovely lady Dani who has proposed an initial programme of 6 monthly workshops (2 hours each), concentrating on using simple materials and media that will be suitable for all ages. If it goes really well and people want more (or more frequently) we can develop it further.

Aims:

1. To offer children and young adults with Downs Syndrome an opportunity to express their creative abilities and interests in order to provide enjoyment, build their self-esteem, develop social skills, and build cohesion amongst the families who attend.
2. To support the parents of Downs Syndrome children and young people in learning about how they can support their child through creative play and personal expression.

Workshop 1: Painting & collage - 2D work concentrating on use of light, shape, colour and surface. Individual art work and large group project.
Also making bunting flags to decorate space.

Workshop 2: Junk modelling - using recycled materials young people work with parents and carers to create 3D objects that represent things that give them pleasure or inspire them (e.g. robots, fairy castles, a sculptural self-portrait, vacuum cleaners!). Then decorate the 3D objects.
Group project - townscape: boxes built up to represent a town, with windows and people - where do you live? is that you at the window? who lives next door? Make a little you/Mummy/Daddy/best friend to live in the town.

Workshop 3: Exploring texture - using paints and glue with added bits, to explore textural creativity and mark making, something that you can touch & explore when it's dry.
Also making bunting flags to decorate space.

Workshop 4: Dinosaurs & mask making - prepared dino-shapes and animal masks to decorate with collage and mark making.
Group project - jungle mural.

Workshop 5: Circus fun - making super-hero masks and capes, clown face collage, face painting (even mums and dads have to have their nose painted red!)
Clown wigs, juggling balls, hoola hoops, gymnastic ribbons, jumbo dice, parachute games, balloons, (I have some of these items, but I'm hoping that the school has some of this stuff that we can borrow?!)

Workshop 6: Party time - decorating fairy cakes, mixing & decorating 'mash potato cakes', party hats, music and dancing, put up bunting flags that have been made during the workshop programme.

Objectives

1. Foster the development of abstract thinking through artistic work.
2. Stimulate expression and communication through fine arts.
3. Promote full participation of people with Down syndrome in society.
4. Sensitize society regarding artistic skills of people with Down syndrome.

**If the art club is something you would like your child to participate in please email:
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Once we have the numbers interested we will organise dates and locations.