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| **SPACE Forum Overview**  |
|  **19/03/2024** |
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| Forum led by: Abi Fleming and Nicola Chappel* Introduction of the SPACE Forum
* Nicola Chappel discussed the opportunity for a small number of parent carers to take a look at the Solihull Approach programme, ‘Understanding your child with additional needs’ specialist course. Their thoughts and views on the content would be greatly appreciated.
* Whole Forum training workshop delivered by Contact ‘Handling Meetings’.
* Networking and free time
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| **Attendees:** |
| **Parent Carers** | **Practitioners** |
| 15 | 6 |
| **Overview of events:** |
| * Parent carers and practitioners from early years, primary, secondary and post 16 settings all attended, which is valuable moving forward in working together.
* Nicola Chappel gave a brief overview about the Solihull Approach programme, which is available in NEL. She is asking for some parent carers to take a look at the ‘Understanding your child with additional needs’ specialist course and share their thoughts, views about the course and whether they feel it would be beneficial for our local families to access. Please let us know if you would be interested in joining us for the session, which will be a Wednesday afternoon after the Easter holidays; date and venue to be confirmed.
* We supported Neurodiversity Celebration Week by hosting a training session

‘Handling Meetings’ which was delivered by CONTACT at the SPACE Forum. Questions flowed throughout and some good discussions were had by all Forum members. Please note, the slides for the session can only be shared with those who attended the session.* SPACE Forum has its own page on the Local Offer where we will be adding some resources and updates [NELC SEND Local Offer- SPACE](https://sendlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk/settings-parents-and-carers-for-education-space-forum/)
* Amazing discussions were had at the Forum and it was fabulous to have some new members attend.
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| **Q&A Section** |
| **Thank you for all your questions and queries, below are the answers to some questions and we are in the process of obtaining answers for all other queries.** **There were no new questions from this Forum 19/3/24. The ongoing questions are below.** |
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| **You said…** | **Our response…** |
| One stop shop event for NEL Early Years providers (private, voluntary and independent settings) | We are planning a pop-up event on the 9/7/24 at the last SPACE Forum for this academic year. |
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| **SPACE Forums 2023 - 2024:** |
| September 19th 2023 | Discussing the final audits with parent carers and school champions for the AiS project |
| October 17th 2023 | Understanding Myself training (to showcase the programme and make amendments through collaboration with our parent carers) |
| November 21st 2023 | NAVIGO/YMM and Access Pathway Team will be attending to look at the new referral form. |
| January 16th 2024 | The official launch of the SPACE Forum! |
| February 9th 2024 | A Lived Experience - Jack’s experience  |
| March 19th 2024 | Training - Contact’s Growing Up Workshop |
| April 23rd 2024 | Small changes…. Big impact…. |
| June 11th 2024 | TBC… |
| July 9th 2024 | Pop-up event |
| **The Next SPACE Forum:** |
| **Tuesday 23rd April 2024****9.30am - 11.30am****Grimsby Town Hall**The SPACE Forum is open to all parent carers and educational settingsin North East Lincolnshire |
| **Information and Contact Details:** |
| If you have any questions or want to share any information with us, please get in touch using our email: SPACEForum@nelincs.gov.uk **Some useful links and information:** SPACE Forum page: [SPACE Forum - NELC SEND Local Offer (nelincs.gov.uk)](https://sendlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk/settings-parents-and-carers-for-education-space-forum/)Resources page: [Autism and neurodiversity resources - NELC SEND Local Offer (nelincs.gov.uk)](https://sendlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk/neurodevelopmental-conditions/autistic-spectrum-disorder-autism/autism-and-neurodiversity-resources/)NEL SEND Newsletter: <https://sendlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk/category/newsletter>For more information on the Solihull Approach programme, ‘Understanding your child with additional needs’ specialist course: [Online Learning (heiapply.com)](https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/36)**Upcoming parent carer training:**See the link below which will take you to the Local Offer event and training page. [NELC SEND Local Offer | Events from March 19 – January 26 – NELC SEND Local Offer (nelincs.gov.uk)](https://sendlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk/events/) |
| **Feedback from Parent Carers and Practitioners:** |
| “It was very informative. Attending meetings with school regarding my daughter is very daunting, being unsure what to expect from the meeting. This has given me a good basis to be more prepared and how to deal/cope in them.” Parent carer “Very useful to hear from CONTACT with valuable strategies for managing meetings” *Practitioner*“Thanks a million, always look forward to these meetings/training sessions. Would like to see more opportunities for training at SPACE Forums in the future” *Practitioner* “Really nice session and always good to get point of views from parent carers and professionals” *Parent carer*“As always very useful content with strategies to implement” *Practitioner* “How to change to be assertive not passive” *Parent carer* |