

Norwood receives £120,000 to run Time 4 U holiday play-scheme project

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Norwood is celebrating the receipt of a £120,000 grant to run a new project called Time 4 U, which offers children and young people with disabilities the opportunity to access holiday play schemes and home support during the half term holidays. The Charity, which supports people with learning disabilities and children and families in need, has received the two year grant from Redbridge Aiming High for Disabled Children (AHDC).

Aiming High for Disabled Children was set up as part of a government initiative to provide short breaks for children with disabilities and their parents or carers and is run by the Redbridge Children's Trust.

Children and young people with disabilities aged five to 18 will be referred to Time 4 U by Redbridge AHDC and parents will have the option of their children accessing either half term play schemes, at Norwood's Leonard Sainer Children & Family Centre in Barkingside, or receiving home support. The latter option means carers will engage in activities with individual children in their own homes and out in the community.

David Harris, Norwood's Director of Operational Services, said: "Norwood is delighted to be working in partnership with the London Borough of Redbridge to offer support to disabled children and their parents and carers during half term holidays. This initiative is in response to what parents and children have said they would find of most value to them and their families."

Paul McCarthy, Head of SEN and Disability at the London Borough of Redbridge, said: "This project demonstrates that we can provide more interesting and challenging activities for disabled children with a wide variety of needs within Redbridge."

For further information about Time 4 U please contact Amanda Ridgwell on 020 8708 7524 or 07931 658058.

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