



Holiday Activity Scheme & Teenage Activity Group (TAG)

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For whom?

The Department of Education, Sport and Culture (DESC) in partnership with Autism in Mann are proud to deliver a collaborative Holiday Activity Scheme and Teenage Activity Group (TAG).

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Joint Services: A Comprehensive Offer

Autism in Mann is operated entirely by a committed team of volunteers, many of whom are parents of autistic children or adults. There are no paid staff or salaries; instead, administration, planning, and event coordination are handled by volunteers with support from DESCs Autism & Social Communication Service (ASCS).

For specific activities, Autism in Mann and the ASCS will partner with staff from Manx Sport and Recreation (MSR), Youth, Culture & Arts. Together, we aim to deliver a comprehensive, collaborative program designed to meet the needs of families, children and young people.

These schemes will continue in the same trusted format, offering safe, structured, and nurturing environments where children and young people can enjoy meaningful activities, build confidence, and connect with peers. They are designed to create a supportive space and a genuine sense of belonging not only for the children who attend, but also for their parents and families who become part of our community.





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A Charity Led by Families, for Families – Funding and availability

Autism in Mann is fully funding these events to ensure they remain accessible to all families who benefit from them. While there is no charge to attend, donations are always welcome and deeply appreciated. We are also incredibly grateful to the activity providers who generously offer their services either free of charge or at significantly reduced rates. Every contribution financial, practical, or in-kind helps us continue delivering meaningful opportunities for our children and young people.

Some activities have very limited spaces, and demand can be high. If your child is not allocated a session, please be assured this is not a reflection of their suitability. It is simply the result of oversubscription. Our aim is to ensure that, over time, every child has the opportunity to take part in the activities that interest them most. Siblings are welcome to join activities that don't have a ticket icon. If there is space on ticketed events, we will endeavour to offer spaces to siblings.

All sessions require a parent or caregiver to remain with their child for the duration of the activity. It is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to fully supervise their children during any Holiday Activity Scheme or TAG events.

Sessions that require prior registration will be clearly indicated with a ticket icon. To express your interest in these activities, please email aim-bookings@outlook.com with the following information:

Activity:

Child's Name:

Child's Age:

School:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Email:

Parent's Phone Number:

For sessions without the ticket icon, no registration is necessary, simply turn up and join us!





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Data Protection Notice

Autism in Mann and the Department of Education, Sport and Culture (DESC) process personal information provided during booking and participation **solely for the purpose of administering activities and communicating essential information.**

What information is used

This may include:

- Parent/carer contact details
- Child's name and age
- Information relevant to safe participation in activities

Lawful basis

Where DESC is involved, processing is carried out as part of a **task in the public interest and the exercise of official authority** under Article 6(1)(e) of the applied GDPR (Isle of Man).

Autism in Mann processes information to deliver and coordinate activities in line with its charitable objectives.

Special category information

Where information indicates a child's health, disability or additional needs, it is processed **only where necessary** to ensure activities are delivered safely and appropriately, relying on permitted conditions under Article 9 of the applied GDPR.

Data sharing

Information is shared **only where necessary** with partner organisations or activity providers delivering specific sessions. It is not used for marketing or unrelated purposes.

Retention

Personal information is kept only for as long as necessary to manage bookings, attendance and any related follow-up.





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Your rights

You have rights under data protection law, including the right to request access to or correction of your personal data, and to raise concerns about its use. Enquiries can be directed to the event organisers using the contact details provided.

Participation and Responsibility

By registering for or attending activities, parents and carers confirm that they are responsible for assessing the suitability of activities for their child and for supervising participation throughout events. Partner organisations may apply their own terms and conditions for specific activities.

Welcoming New and Returning Families

We welcome both new and returning families and aim to provide consistent, supportive and inclusive experiences throughout the holiday period.

Meet the Team

The Autism & Social Communication Service team at DESC will aim to attend events where possible, supported by staff from sport, youth, arts and cultural services for specific activities.



Holiday Activity Scheme Week 1

Monday 27th July AM

Lester's Yard Adventure Playground

Ballaughton Park, Douglas
10am-12pm

Monday 27th July PM

Bush Craft & Venture Course

Outdoor Learning Centre, West Baldwin
1pm-4pm



TAG

Tuesday 28th July AM

Glencrutchery Sensory Swim

Glencrutchery Road, Douglas
9.30am-10.15am
10.45am-11.30am



Tuesday 28th July PM

Wednesday 29th July AM

Wednesday 29th July PM

Multisports 2pm-3pm

Glow Dance 3.30pm-4.30pm
Secondary sports hall,
NSC



Thursday 30th July AM

Lego Club

Manx Family Community Association,
Westmoreland Rd, Douglas
10am-11.30am

Thursday 30th July PM

Ape Mann

Ape Mann Adventure Park, South
Barrule Plantation
1pm-3pm



TAG



Friday 31st July AM

Bike 4 Life

Sir Mark Cavendish Raceway, NSC
10am-12pm

Exclusive Fun Swim - for all the family

Main pool (including slides), NSC
11am-12pm



Friday 31st July PM

Manx Carriage Driving for Disabled

Ballavartyn Equestrian Centre,
Main Road, Santon
1pm-3pm



Holiday Activity Scheme Week 2

Monday 3rd August AM
Lester's Yard Adventure Playground
Ballaughton Park, Douglas
10am-12pm

Monday 3rd August AM/PM
Snow Centre Manchester
DAY TRIP



TAG

Tuesday 4th August AM

Tuesday 4th August PM
Adventure Course & Explore

8-11 year olds
Outdoor Learning Centre, West Baldwin
1pm-4pm



Wednesday 5th August AM
Disability Pop-In and Play Session at
Dragon's Castle
<http://www.villagaiety.com/dragonscastledisabilitysession> (book directly)
Secondary age SPC children only
10am-12pm

Wednesday 5th August PM
Badminton, football, table tennis
Secondary sports hall, NSC
2.15pm - 4.15pm



TAG

Thursday 6th August AM
Lego Club
Manx Family Community Association,
Westmoreland Rd, Douglas
10am-11.30am

Thursday 6th August PM
Glencrutchery Sensory Swim
Glencrutchery Road, Douglas
1pm-1.45pm
2.15pm-3pm



Friday 7th August AM
Bike 4 Life
Sir Mark Cavendish Raceway, NSC
10am-12pm

Friday 7th August PM
Home of Rest for Old Horses
Richmond Hill, Douglas
1pm-3pm



Holiday Activity Scheme Week 3

Monday 10th August AM

Monday 10th August PM Mountain Biking (bikes & helmets provided)

Outdoor Learning Centre,
Location to be confirmed
1pm-4pm



TAG

Tuesday 11th August AM Glencrutchery Sensory Swim

Glencrutchery Road, Douglas
9.30am-10.15am
10.45am-11.30am



Tuesday 11th August PM Young Engineers

Trinity Methodist Church
4.30pm-6pm (Primary School age)
6pm-7.30pm (TAG)



TAG

Wednesday 12th August AM Disability Pop-In and Play Session at Dragon's Castle

[http://www.villagaiety.com/dragonscastl
edisabilitysession](http://www.villagaiety.com/dragonscastl
edisabilitysession) (book directly)
Secondary age SPC children only
10am-12pm

Wednesday 12th August PM Multisports 2pm-3pm Glow Dance 3.30pm-4.30pm

Secondary sports hall,
NSC



Thursday 13th August AM Lego Club

Manx Family Community Association,
Westmoreland Rd, Douglas
10am-11.30am

Thursday 13th August PM Ape Mann

Ape Mann Adventure Park, South
Barrule Plantation
1pm-3pm



Friday 14th August AM Bike 4 Life

Sir Mark Cavendish Raceway, NSC
10am-12pm

Exclusive Fun Swim - for all the family
Main Pool (including slides), NSC
11am-12pm

Friday 14th August PM Manx Carriage Driving for Disabled

Ballavartyn Equestrian Centre,
Main Road, Santon
1pm-3pm



PRACTICE WEEK

Holiday Activity Scheme Week 4

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Monday 17th August AM

Lester's Yard Adventure Playground

Ballaughton Park, Douglas
10am-12pm



Monday 17th August PM

Paddle Sports

Outdoor Learning Centre
Location to be confirmed (weather
permitting)
1pm-4pm

TAG

Tuesday 18th August AM

Glencrutchery Sensory Swim

Glencrutchery Road, Douglas
9.30am-10.15am
10.45am-11.30am



Tuesday 18th August PM

SoundCheck

Kensington Arts (basement),
Kensington Road, Douglas
1pm-3pm



TAG

Wednesday 19th August AM
Baking

Jurby Community Centre,
Jurby West Industrial Estate,
Jurby
10am-12pm



Wednesday 19th August PM
Pickleball, football, table tennis,

Secondary sports hall, NSC
2.15pm - 4.15pm



TAG

Thursday 20th August AM
Tiny Hooves

The Clarum, Lonan
10am-11.30am



Thursday 20th August PM
Glencrutchery Sensory Swim

Glencrutchery Road, Douglas
1pm-1.45pm
2.15pm-3pm



Friday 21st August AM

Bike 4 Life

Sir Mark Cavendish Raceway, NSC
10am-12pm



Friday 21st August PM



RACE WEEK

Holiday Activity Scheme Week 5

RACE WEEK

Monday 24th August AM

Lester's Yard Adventure Playground

Ballaughton Park, Douglas
10am-12pm

Monday 24th August PM

Kensington Art Tank

Kensington Road,
Douglas

7-11 year olds 1pm-2pm

TAG 2.15pm-3.45pm



TAG

Tuesday 25th August AM/PM

Port Erin Day trip

Meet at Douglas Train Station for the 11.50am train (booking required for train only)

OR join us by the beach huts in Port Erin from 1pm for a fun day at the beach!



Wednesday 26th August AM

Wednesday 26th August PM

Glow Dance - Silent Disco

Secondary sports hall, NSC
2.30pm-4.30pm



TAG

Thursday 27th August AM

Thursday 27th August PM

Picnic - bring your own!

Silverdale Glen
2pm-4pm

Friday 28th August AM

Exclusive Fun Swim - for all the family

Main Pool (including slides)
NSC
11am-12pm

Friday 28th August PM



Every Tuesday morning
during the summer holidays

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Disability Pop-In and Play Sessions at Dragon's Castle

For primary age autistic children or those with a learning disability that attend a Specialist Provision Centre. These sessions also include children in mainstream with the above needs who find accessing activities very challenging.

A parent or responsible adult must remain with children for the duration of the activity. Siblings are welcome where space allows.

Villa Marina, Douglas

10am-12pm

To book

www.villagaiety.com/dragonscastledisabilitysession

*Please note although sessions will be funded by Autism in Mann, a representative will not be present at these Dragon's Castle sessions



Additional Information

Lester's Yard

An adventure playground staffed by a team of skilled playworkers. A space to play and explore. Siblings welcome.

Outdoor Learning Centre

Adventure course - features a variety of obstacles including tunnels, cargo nets, slides and rope bridges.

TAG Bushcraft - Learning how to build shelters, light a fire, cook food on a fire and purify water.

Glencrutchery Sensory Swim

A specialist hydrotherapy pool suitable for children who need warmer water, disability access and a quieter environment. Sessions for siblings will be available if space permits. Parent or responsible adult required in the water with their child.

NSC - Secondary Sports Hall

MultiSports - MSR coaches will be facilitating MultiSport sessions adapted for a wide range of disabilities, including football, badminton, boccia and many more. Siblings welcome where space permits.

NSC - Secondary Sports Hall

Glow Dance - MSR coaches will be providing UV lighting and glow equipment in a darkened room. Siblings welcome where space permits.

Lego Club

Lego is provided. All creations must be left at the Manx Family Library at the end of the session. Families are welcome to take photos of creations. Siblings are welcome.

Carriage Driving for the Disabled

Is an adaptive equestrian sport that lets children enjoy riding in horse-drawn carriages. These vehicles are specially designed to accommodate wheelchairs and are guided by qualified instructors alongside trained volunteers.

Ape Mann

Delivered by Ape Mann staff. Lower course is suitable for children five years upwards, under eight years old must have an adult on the course with them. High course 10 years and above, minimum height 135 cm. Siblings welcome where space permits.

Bike 4 Life

MSR staff will facilitate this session. A variety of bikes are available e.g. tandem, trikes, mountain bikes. Helmets are also provided and must be worn. You are welcome to bring your own bikes, however all helmets must be provided by Bike 4 Life.

NSC - Swim Main Pool

Exclusive fun swim session for children and their families. Parents or responsible adults to remain in the water with their children. Please check the pool admission policy to ensure the correct number of responsible adults to children.



Additional Information

Silverdale Picnic

Come and join us at Silverdale for fun in the park and a picnic. Please bring your own food. Siblings and family members all welcome.

Silent Disco

MSR coaches will be using the NSC secondary sports hall with glow sports equipment in a darkened room. Headphones will be provided with a choice of channels for different music. Siblings welcome where space permits.

Snow Centre Day Trip

For Secondary/UCM students that have previously attended TAG sessions. Expressions of interest via aim-bookings@outlook.com Further details will be released at a later date.

Disability Pop-In and Play Session at Dragon's Castle 5th & 12th August

Specifically for secondary school students age 11 to 16 that attend a Specialist Provision Centre. Siblings welcome where space permits. <http://www.villagaiety.com/dragonscastledisabilitysession> (book directly)

NSC - Secondary Sports Hall TAG

MSR coaches will be facilitating a variety of sports that young people are welcome to come and try e.g. Football, table tennis, badminton. We are open to ideas!

Home of Rest for Old Horses

This is not an exclusive session for the programme, it is open to the general public. Session is for children, siblings and families. All welcome.

Young Engineers

Uses hands-on building blocks (lego) to teach children fundamental mechanics, physics, and software engineering principles in a fun safe space with a certified instructor. Great fun for all ages. Siblings welcome where space permits.

Outdoor Learning Centre

TAG Mountain Biking - OLC staff will be delivering a mountain bike session. All bikes and helmets will be provided. Location to be confirmed at a later date.

Outdoor Learning Centre

TAG Paddle Sports - delivered by OLC staff. All equipment and guidance will be provided. Weather dependent. Location to be confirmed.

Baking

All ingredients and equipment will be provided. Siblings welcome where space permits.



Additional Information

SoundCheck

Delivered by Kensington Arts' staff. SoundCheck is an inclusive and welcoming music project that nurtures and promotes musicians Island wide. TAG members are encouraged to come and explore the range of musical equipment.

Tiny Hooves

Come and meet the adorable mini ponies. Children are invited to stroke and brush the ponies. The event is run by Tiny Hooves staff. Siblings welcome where space permits.

Kensington Arts Art Tank

Art and craft session run by Kensington Arts' staff. All equipment provided. Siblings welcome where space permits.

These sessions offer gentle guidance and support while remaining participant-led and low pressure. It's all about creative freedom, experimentation and trying out new ideas.

Port Erin Day Trip

Steam Train - book your child a place and join us on a train ride to Port Erin. Parents responsible for purchase of tickets for themselves and siblings.

Beach Day - Siblings and family members welcome. We hope to have a beach hut!



Visual Timetable Icons





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