

# SEND

## Weekly Newsletter

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## Take part in SEND customer satisfaction survey

We need your views on the support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities receive in Somerset. We're asking young people, parent carers and practitioners for feedback about what is working, or not working across Education, Health and Social Care as a whole. Somerset County Council has developed a questionnaire with the help of young people, families and practitioners.

Please take a little time to complete it before Friday 19 July to help us shape and improve services. The results from the survey will be used to inform the future development of SEND support in Somerset and we'll share the outcomes with you.

You can complete the surveys online:

**For children and young people:**

[www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDchildsatisfaction](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDchildsatisfaction)

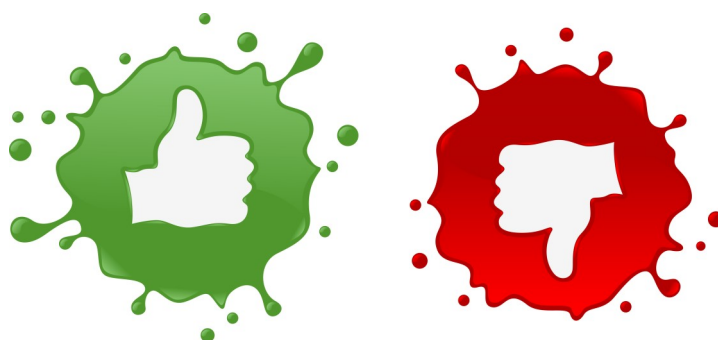
**For parent carers:**

[www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDparentsatisfaction](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDparentsatisfaction)

**For practitioners:**

[www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDpractitionersatisfaction](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDpractitionersatisfaction)

For a paper copy of any of the surveys please contact: Jemma Lang [jxlang@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:jxlang@somerset.gov.uk)



## Enjoy reading? You can help

Do you want to help children fall in love with reading this summer by volunteering with the Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge?

Somerset County Council is looking for volunteers aged 13 and over who are available between 13 July and 7 September.

It's a chance to put something back into your community and inspire young minds.

You can speak to library staff for more details or visit [volunteering.somerset.gov.uk](http://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk)

The deadline is 22 June.



## Wanted: A Young Person's Champion

We have an exciting opportunity for a Young Person's Champion to join the SEND Engagement and Participation Team for 12 months.

Young Person's Champions are passionate about representing other children and young people in Somerset who have



special educational needs and or disabilities. The role is a great opportunity to

meet new people, develop your skills and make a difference!

The job description is in

the link below.

[www.somerset.gov.uk/  
EasysiteWeb/  
getresource.axd?](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?)

## School's a bit of a nightmare



There's an excellent video by a young man called Harry with autism who shares his experiences of school through animation.

The film gives a great insight to some of the day to day challenges that some of us might take for granted. Watch it here: <https://bit.ly/2Z0pJuW>

## You can get inspiration from your creative side

Nicole Tucker, Unstoppables member, is 21 and has cerebral palsy which affects all her limbs. But as she says, it doesn't get in the way of doing things, in fact she's started her own line in cards and T-shirts.

She says: "It might take me a day to make a single card, I love making cards and anything art and crafts.

"I have got little techniques to do things. I am also creating some inclusive t-shirts to promote diversity. Check out my new Facebook group to find out more

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groups/2464684040230753/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/2464684040230753/)

