

Support for Families in South West Edinburgh

May 2020

Free or Low-Cost Activities and Support
available during COVID-19



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Family Activities

Active Schools have launched some Active at Home ideas for children and young people
<https://www.joininedinburgh.org/sports/active-schools/activeathome/>

Arty Smarty Simple arts & crafts. No experience needed. No special equipment. Online every Tuesday and Friday 11.30am to 12pm www.facebook.com/withkidsedinburgh/

B Healthy Together continue to offer online exercise and support sessions – most of the session take place via their Facebook page www.facebook.com/behealthytogether/ : activities include: High Impact Workouts, Emotional Eating Live Chats, Low Impact Exercise, Chair Exercise, Seated Yoga, Active Kids Exercise, Community Chats

Bookbug sessions online sessions now being hosted on library Facebook pages [Balerno](#), [Currie](#), [Colinton](#), [Fountainbridge](#), [Ratho](#), [Sighthill \(Gate 55\)](#), [Westerhaile](#) or download the Bookbug Songs and Rhymes app. Also from [Space & Broomhouse Hub](#)

Children's Art Activities from National Galleries Scotland New activity ideas every Monday, all ages.
www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/features/home-where-art-creative-curriculum-kids

Clovenstone Community Centre ideas and challenges for the whole family
www.facebook.com/cloviecentre1975

Edinburgh Zoo Watch the animals while the zoo is closed on the live webcams www.edinburghzoo.org.uk
Discovery and learning resources can be accessed at www.bit.ly/ZooToYouActivities

Library Online Memberships If you are not already a member, join your local library for free and access magazines and newspapers online, download ebook, audiobooks and learning resources
www.yourlibrary.edinburgh.gov.uk

Nursery to P1 [Transition We're going on a bear hunt](#) Six weeks of activities to help prepare your child for starting P1 in August 2020.

Peep groups from People Supporting babies and children to play and learn together. Visit the [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages to see posts on Peep Tips, Things to do at home, simple ideas and videos.
www.facebook.com/peepcentre/ www.instagram.com/peepcentre/

Peep ideas from [HomeStart South & West Edinburgh](#)

Starcatchers have launched a new series of Wee Inspirations idea cards for parents at home with young children. Fun, creative ideas to engage little ones without a lot of resources, stress, and no pressure to 'achieve' anything. www.starcatchers.org.uk/wee-inspirations/?fbclid=IwAR1GwYIbHVHmQVVai0ldzL26h0Su969m-0ap2Kai-JxkwccufhOzID2p03k

#StayInWorkOut online exercise and workout routines from The Health Agency and Health All Round on Facebook www.facebook.com/thehealthagency www.facebook.com/healthallround

The Story Kist – [inclusive online story and song sessions](#) Saturday mornings

WHALE Arts Centre free online classes www.whalearts.co.uk/online-classes Free Art Packs for all ages via pick-up or delivery on Fridays.

Parents and carers – support and information

Local Support for Parent and Carers for up to date information on what support is available for parents and carers in South West text 07717 317 665, or for any area in Edinburgh, contact supportingparentsandcarers@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Parenting Programmes - courses to help parents with their child or teenager's behaviour

Face-to-face courses are currently postponed however some parenting programmes are still accepting online applications. See www.joininedinburgh.org/parenting-programmes/

Children 1st Dads Work Support for dads and male carers about raising children with confidence, their mental health and day to day parenting. Contact Niko Tel: 07908 399 944

Dads Rock are offering a number of courses via Zoom including antenatal classes, sleep and feeding workshops for both dads and mums. Courses are free, or by donation for those who can afford it. hello@dadsrock.org.uk Tel: 07807 498709 www.dadsrock.org.uk

Raising Children with Confidence for Dads and Male Carers

Dads Rock is running this popular parent course online for dads and male carers of children aged 0-11years. Free, 6 two-hour sessions starting 28th May. Book your place here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raising-children-with-confidence-tickets-104314657950>

Becoming a dad during the coronavirus pandemic

Father Network Scotland has produced a [leaflet](#) for new dads and dads to be at this time. www.fathersnetwork.org.uk

People Know How are offering a befriending service for adults across Edinburgh who may be feeling isolated over the phone or via video calling. From chatting about interests to sharing advice on accessing resources, the befrienders are there to offer a friendly ear www.peopleknowhow.org/reconnect

Employability and Digital Skills Webinars - One Parent Families Scotland Online support for single parents. To book or for more information email mar.sanchez@opfs.org.uk Tel 07789 277608 or visit the Facebook page.

Vocal Family Support Addictions Support for parents, friends, partners and other family members who are affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. New referrals being accepted. fsa@vocal.org.uk 0131 622 6666

Circle-Harbour Support for children and families affected by parents' use of alcohol or drugs. Contact Sam Black, Tel: 07703714761 Email: sam.black@circle.scot

Online Depression and Anxiety Support Group Health in Mind has opened up their friendly peer-led support groups to any adults affected by depression, low mood, stress or anxiety. Different groups are available at times on Monday afternoons, Monday evenings and Tuesday evenings. For more information email edinburghselfhelp@health-in-mind.org.uk before 3pm on the day you would like to attend. Or call 0131 225 8508 and leave a message.

Anxiety Management Online Drop In Health in Mind is offering support for anyone experiencing mild anxiety. Alternative Tuesdays 11am-12pm. 5th and 19th May 2nd, 16th and 30th June (this group usually meets in Stockbridge). Email anna.chmiel@health-in-mind.org.uk Tuesdays 2-3pm (this group usually meets in South Queensferry) For more information email zoe.reid@health-in-mind.org.uk or call 0131 225 8508 and leave a message. www.health-in-mind.org.uk

Juno Pre and Postnatal Parents Online Peer Support Sessions Zoom peer support sessions for mums who are suffering or have suffered post-natal depression. A relaxed time for people to chat and gain advice and support. Mondays 8pm from the 4th of May. For more information visit www.facebook.com/junopmhseinburgh/

Stress Control Classes The six session stress control classes are available free of charge online the next block starts Mon 11th or Tue 12th May, alternating weekly sessions run on a Thursday and Friday. Sessions

can be watched in the afternoon or evening. For more information or to register go to <https://stresscontrol.org/>

Conflict Free Coffee Free online sessions giving parents and carers who may be struggling with conflict at home, advice and support, Thursday 7th May 11am-12pm. Take the Keep the Heid quiz, followed by discussion and questions about conflict, Thursday 14th May 11-11,45am. For more information and to book visit <https://scottishconflictresolution.org.uk/events> For useful resources on conflict visit www.scottishconflictresolution.org.uk

NHS Mental Health Information Station Information on a range of adult mental health supports. Speak with an NHS Mental Health professional Thursdays 9.30am-4.30pm. Please call 0131 537 8650 and ask for the Mental Health Information Station. If staff are busy, you can arrange a call back. Or you can email: MentalHealthInformation@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk at any time with specific queries and request a call back.

The Spark Relationship Helpline Free helpline for anyone experiencing family or couple relationship issues. Tel 0808 802 2088 Mon-Thu 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-4pm. www.thespark.org.uk

Sleep Scotland Parent Support Line Guidance and support for parents and carers on their child or teenagers sleep problems or young people themselves. Mon-Thu 10am-4pm www.sleepscotland.org Tel: 0800 138 6565

Parentline Scotland/ Parent Helpline – Children 1st/ Edinburgh Together Free helpline, email and web-chat service offering advice and support for parents and carers Mon-Fri 9am- 9pm Sat and Sun 9am-12 pm. Tel: 08000 28 22 33 <https://www.children1st.org.uk/help-for-families/parentline-scotland/>

NSPCC For parenting advice and support, contact trained online helpline counsellors Tel: 0808 800 5000, weekdays 8am to 10pm and weekends 9am to 6pm, email help@nspcc.org.uk or visit www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/nspcc-helpline/

Lone Parent Helpline-One Parent Families Scotland Information and advice for single parents. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.00pm Tel: 08088 010323 www.opfs.org.uk

Social Care Direct- Children and Families Social Work Request help or advice about a child or vulnerable adult requiring support due to illness, disability or at risk or harm. Tel: 0131 200 2324 Out of Hours 0800 7316969

Scottish Domestic Abuse 24 hr Helpline Support for Women experiencing domestic abuse or forced marriage and their friends and family. Translation facilities available for callers whose first language is not English. Tel: 0808 802 3333 or email helpline@sdafmh.org.uk online chat at www.sdafmh.org.uk

Parent Club The Scottish Government's has put together lots of information to help you and your family cope with this huge change to our daily lives. www.parentclub.scot/

Parenting Across Scotland website has useful information on the services and helplines available for parents and carers in Scotland and a range of parenting support and advice. www.parentingacrossscotland.org

StarLine National Home Learning Helpline Support and advice for parents and carers on home learning and managing children's behaviour during COVID-19 from qualified teachers and parenting and education experts. Tel 0330 313 9162 (local rate) Mon, Wed 8am-4pm, 7-10pm, Tue, Thu, Fri 10am-4pm. Sun 10am-1pm. www.starline.org.uk

EVOC Covid-19 Directory of Services For a list of other support services where you live visit www.directory.evoc.org.uk

WithKids video content from play therapists, accessible through: www.withkids.org.uk, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuhkd5DBWMV6dAdIJQkwmUw> and social media platforms. [Twitter.com/withkidsscot](https://twitter.com/withkidsscot). [Twitter.com/with_kidsedin](https://twitter.com/with_kidsedin) <https://www.facebook.com/withkids>, <https://www.facebook.com/withkidsedinburgh>

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Scottish Domestic Abuse 24hr Helpline

Support for women experiencing domestic abuse or forced marriage and their friends and family. Translation facilities available for callers whose first language is not English.

Tel: 0808 802 3333 or email helpline@sdafmh.org.uk online chat at www.sdafmh.org.uk

Circle-Harbour

Support for children and families affected by parents' use of alcohol or drugs. In South West new referrals can be made for family outreach or father's support by contacting Sylvia Sword 07903 822059

sylvia.sword@circle.scot

Young Minds

Support for children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. For information and advice for young people and parents and carers go to www.youngminds.org.uk.

Free helpline for parents and carers: 0808 802 5544 or email parents@youngminds.org.uk

Black and minority ethnic families

Multi-Cultural Family Base (MCFB) Online and telephone support is still being offered to black and minority ethnic children and families, with some of the groups running remotely. New referrals accepted. Tel 0131 467 7052 Visit www.mcfb.org.uk or Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/mcultural1/>

SCORE strengthening communities for race equality Scotland [Free bike servicing and food distribution](#)

The Action Group- BEMAS Service Holistic advice and support for parents from BME communities with a disabled child. Tel: 0131 475 2315 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Leave a message for Advice or BEMAS and an adviser will call back or email advice@actiongroup.org.uk

The Welcoming Association has created online resources to support newcomer families across Edinburgh, to feel less isolated and continue to find friendship and support during the Corona virus crisis. Support includes Online English learning; Online Employment Guidance; Online Friendship; Home Energy, Recycling and Growing; Useful information.

www.thewelcoming/covid-19-announcement 0131 346 8577 info@thewelcoming.org

Equal Access- Health in Mind Online support sessions for people from ethnic minority backgrounds who may face additional cultural and language barriers to accessing mental health support. Fortnightly Mondays from 12 to 1pm (women support group). Weekly Tuesdays from 11 to 12.30pm- Stress management and coping skills for women. Fortnightly Thursdays 12-1.30pm (men and women) One to one support may also be available. To register or for further information, please email rahila.khalid@health-in-mind.org.uk or call 07730220109.

Open Arms Services offering support for women from black and minority ethnic communities in Edinburgh, including refugees, asylum seekers and those who have mental health challenges or difficult home situations.

-Sikh Sanjog. One to one support to women and their families through phone, video calls and online groups, including help with accessing benefits, foodbank support etc. Contact 07837 701263 or email info@sikhsanjog.com Visit www.sikhsanjog.com or Facebook www.facebook.com/sikhsanjogedinburgh

-LINKNet Mentoring one to one weekly remote support for women looking to build their confidence and look for opportunities for education, employment and personal development. Contact linknet3@linknetmentoring.com or phone 07957989804. www.linknetmentoring.com

-ELREC Online course and activities for women such as sessions exercise sessions, crafts, skin care and keeping well. In partnership with Health in Mind a Stress and Anxiety management group for women from black and minority ethnic communities runs weekly. For more information email Mitra at mroostami@elrec.org.uk Visit Facebook [Mitra Rostami-ELREC](#)

-Saheliya Learning session online or by phone including English language, sewing, computer skills, yoga, well-being and exercise. Weekly informal online drop-in session run to help people with employment or to stay in touch, language support provided in Arabic, Urdu, Hindi and Bengali.

Email sweety@saheliya.co.uk or phone 07400617023 (between 10am - 4pm on Mon - Fri). Visit www.saheliya.co.uk or Facebook- Saheliya Hub

Shakti Women's Aid Supporting BME women and children experiencing domestic abuse. Tel 0131 475 2399 email info@shaktiedinburgh.gov.uk Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Closed 18th May www.shaktiedinburgh.co.uk

Additional Support Needs

ChatterPack is a voluntary-run, special educational needs and disabilities hub:

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/list-of-online-resources-for-anyone-who-is-isolated-at-home>

City of Edinburgh Psychological Services Support and advice for parents, carers, professionals and young people about supporting children and young people's learning and wellbeing. Leave a message Mon to Fri 9am-5pm on 0131 469 2800 or email psychologicalservices@ea.edin.sch.uk and an Educational Psychologists will get back in touch. [Helpful information on supporting children at home during COVID-19](#) and a [Guide for Young People](#) can be found on the council website.

Occupational Therapy Helpline for parents of children with additional support needs. Offers support and advice around your child's everyday life skills and difficulties experienced during COVID -19 pandemic. Tel: 07866848453 9am-12pm Tue-Fri. No appointment system, may need to wait until phone line becomes free.

Speech and Language Therapy Helpline for parents of children looking for advice or support around their child's talking and communication. Contact Westerhailes Healthy Living Centre Tel: 0131 453 9315
www.lets-talk.scot.nhs.uk

Boardmaker is offering a free 90 day trial to support accessible online learning for every child.

<https://goboardmaker.com/blogs/news/boardmaker-online-working-from-home#PCS#SLPeeps>

Scottish Autism Advice Plus Advice Line - Information, advice and support for individuals and families about Autism. Mon-Sun 8am-8pm Tel 01259 222 022 call or email advice@scottishautism.org Also offering Live chat, Facebook groups and Wellbeing Video sessions also available to view each Thursday, for more information visit www.facebook.com/scottishautism/

Scottish Autism Right Click Online Support Programme For parents and carers of children and young people on the Autism spectrum, a free online support programme specific to the age of their child. Women and girls specific programme also available. Programmes run for five weeks on a rolling programme. For more information or to register visit www.scottishautism.org/services-support/support-families/online-support-right-click

The Yard is offering online activities and songs for children with additional support needs on their Facebook page. www.facebook.com/TheYardScotland

The Action Group Advice Service Benefits advice and support for families with a disabled child. Tel: 0131 475 2315 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Leave a message for Advice and an adviser will call back or email advice@actiongroup.org.uk

Kindred Support for parents and carers of children with complex needs. Assistance with benefits, grant funding for aids and equipment, information and support on statutory care and support being discharged from the Royal Hospital for Sick Kids. Tel 0800 031 5793 or email enquiries@kindred-scotland.org

Whizz-Kidz Scotland Offering online sessions for young wheelchair users and their families. Sessions include coffee and chatter time, dance and movement, Art and crafts and storytelling. Join the [Whizz Kidz Scotland Facebook group](#) for more information or to book.

Salvesen Mindroom Support for parents, carers, professionals and children and young people affected by learning difficulties. Contact available via telephone, emails and video calls. Tel: 0131 370 6730 Email: directhelp@mindroom.org Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nomindleftbehind/> Twitter <https://twitter.com/MindroomInform>

VOCAL Support for Carers Telephone support available for carers, including parents where the caring role of their child requires additional time. Email: centre@vocal.org.uk Tel: 0131 622 6666. For free courses around the challenges carers may be facing during COVID-19 visit www.carerstraining.co.uk/events/

Young People

People Know How offering online befriending for young people in P7 in North East Edinburgh who would benefit from support as part of their positive transition service. Young people and their befrienders can talk, play games, learn, and share. See www.peopleknowhow.org/positive-transitions-service

HOT (Health Opportunities Team) Offer health and wellbeing support to young people. Mental health and sexual health support available through a confidential telephone consultation on Wed 4-8pm and Thu 3.45-6pm or join the online Feel Good group. For more information or to book a time to chat email: getsupport@health-opportunities.org.uk or sent a message on Facebook- Health Opportunities Team, Twitter @hothoose Instagram @hothoose

6VT staff are supporting young people via messenger, email contact@6vt.info, facebook, twitter, instagram or contact through the website www.6vt.info. Online drop ins for 13-21years olds every Mon, Wed, Fri 7pm.

Penumbra Self Harm Project Support and advice to parent and carers who are concerned about their child over the phone, by email or video call. Please contact: Samantha.harrison@penumbra.org.uk There is a slight waiting list for support to individuals over 16 years who self-harm but please contact selfharm.edinburgh@penumbra.org for more information.

Young Minds Support for children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. www.youngminds.org.uk Young people experiencing a mental health crisis needing urgent help can contact the Young Minds Crisis Messenger by texting 85258, this is available 24 hours a day, every day. All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical supervisors. Texts are free from EE, O2, Vodafone, 3, Virgin Mobile, BT Mobile, GiffGaff, Tesco Mobile and Telecom Plus. **Free helpline for parents and carers:** 0808 802 5544 or email parents@youngminds.org.uk

Childline Help and advice on a wide range of issues www.childline.org.uk
Telephone, online chat, email or forum support. FREE Helpline Tel: 0800 1111

Mind Yer Time Website New website developed by the Children's Parliament and Scottish Youth Parliament. Positive tips, stories and information for children and young people to help use screen time positively. www.mindyertime.scot

Gambling and Young People- Fast Forward Advice and information booklet for parents and carers on gambling and young people www.fastforward.org.uk/advice-for-parents

Financial Support and Advice

Family and Household Support can offer support and advice with family relationships, parenting, mental health and well-being, employment and learning, housing options and neighbour disputes. Help with accessing food banks, debt, budgeting, welfare benefits, applying for grants, funding or furniture. southwest.familyandhouseholdsupport@edinburgh.gov.uk

Maximise Families who have a child who attends school at WHEC, Clovenstone, Canal View, Sighthill primaries can receive free welfare and benefit advice or family support. 0131 442 2100 or 0131 446 2300

Community Help and Advice Initiative (CHAI) CHAI is currently offering a telephone consultation service. To book a telephone appointment call 0131 442 2100 or email chai@chaiedinburgh.org.uk

The Advice Shop Tel 0131 200 2360 anytime Mon-Fri and leave a message. A return call will be made within 2 hours or email advice.shop@edinburgh.gov.uk

Citizens Advice Edinburgh Online advice and support at <https://www.citizensadviceedinburgh.org.uk/get-advice> or Tel 0131 510 5510

People Know How are currently running a service to provide computers and set up support to those who need help staying connected in Edinburgh. Those who are self-isolating, home-schooling, on low income or would benefit for any other reason are eligible to apply. For more information please email contactus@peopleknowhow.org

TURN2US Edinburgh Trust Response Fund Relating to COVID-19

People who have lost their income as a result of the Coronavirus and are struggling financially may be eligible for a one-off crisis grant towards essential living expenses. For more information on eligibility and how to apply visit <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Edinburgh-Trust-Response-Fund-for-Covid-19>

Community Food

Foodbanks

Foodbanks are able to provide emergency food for anyone in crisis, who cannot afford food. A referral and a foodbank voucher are needed from a support worker or GP surgery. For information contact The Foodbank on 0131 444 0030 or Social Care Direct on 0131 200 2324/Out of Hours 0800 731 6969. For up to date information on the Foodbanks currently operating Tel: 0131 444 0030 or visit www.edinburghne.foodbank.org.uk/locations or Edinburgh North East Foodbank Facebook page or www.edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/locations/ Anyone struggling to access a Foodbank referral can contact The Scottish Welfare Fund, who will check if you are eligible for a crisis grants within 24hours or issue a foodbank voucher. Tel: 0131 529 5299 Email: welfarefundteam@edinburgh.gov.uk Applicants should highlight if they are in social isolation or shielding.

[Interactive Food Map for South West](#)

Go Beyond South West in partnership with Mapme has created a map showing ongoing food provision in the locality. Please contact organisations directly; they include:

- Calders Community Flat
- [Community One Stop Shop](#)
- Holy Trinity Church
- Oxgangs Community Church
- Score Scotland
- South West Edible Estates
- [Space and Broomhouse Hub](#)
- The Dove Centre
- The Health Agency
- [WHALE Arts Agency](#)

The Digital Sentinel the [community news site](#) for Wester Hailes - weekly updates on local provision

Broomhouse and Stenhouse areas

Stenhouse Primary Free School Packed lunches

every week day outside Stenhouse Baptist Church 1.30-2.30pm

St Salvador's Church self-referral foodbank every Wednesday from 12-1.30pm

Salvation Army Gorgie Foodbank open on Mon/Wed/Fri from 1-3pm

Community One Stop Shop Self-referral foodbank Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm, Fri 10am-12pm

Broomhouse Hub Hot meals for meal voucher holders from 11.3-am-1.30pm

The Scottish Welfare Fund

Anyone struggling to access a Foodbank referral can contact The Scottish Welfare Fund, who will check if you are eligible for a crisis grants within 24hours or issue a foodbank voucher. Tel: 0131 529 5299 Email: welfarefundteam@edinburgh.gov.uk Applicants should highlight if they are in social isolation or shielding.

Edible Estates offering to deliver food parcels – email to contact

Stacey@thehealthagency.org.uk; emma@thehealthagency.org.uk

SCORE strengthening communities for Race Equality Scotland - Community Fridge

In line with the recent developments, our community fridge will temporarily switch to home deliveries and we will only be delivering to those who need emergency food supply.

For more information contact our office on 0131 442 2341

Helplines for vulnerable and high-risk people during COVID-19

If you do not have support from family, friends or community organisations and are in need of food or medicine delivery please contact City of Edinburgh Council 0131 200 2306 Mon-Thu 8.30am-5pm, Fri 8.30-3.40pm or email edinburghvulnerable@edinburgh.gov.uk or

Contact the Scottish Government 0800 111 4000 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

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For latest updates on council services visit

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/coronavirus



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