

# Co-Production Launch Event Report

**Event Title:** SEND Co-Production Launch Event

**Date & Time:** 7th August, 11:00am – 4:00pm

**Venue:** The Hive, Worcester

**Organisers:** Co-Production Officers – Chanika and Amy, supported by *Kids* charity

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## 1. Overview

With the support of *Kids* charity, the co-production officers hosted a SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Co-Production Launch Event at The Hive, Worcester. The drop-in style event aimed to connect with children and young people (CYP) with SEND and to attract members to the newly established SEND Forum.

The event included a variety of activities delivered by *Kids* charity, The Hive library, and co-production officers, alongside a marketplace-style information area featuring services from across Worcestershire.

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## 2. Acknowledgements

The co-production officers would like to extend their gratitude to the following organisations for supporting the event by providing information stalls and activities:

- SENDIASS
  - Worcester Deaf Society
  - ARCOS
  - Family Hubs
  - Careers Worcestershire
  - Disability Football
  - Onside
  - Worcestershire Parent Carer Forum
  - Your Space
  - Hansel and Gretel
  - Our Space
  - Sky Autism
  - Worcestershire Parent Carers Community
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### 3. Event organisation

- Secured *The Hive* Level 0 as the venue, chosen for its central location, accessibility, café facilities, and spacious layout.
  - Contacted practitioners across health, education, and Worcestershire County Council (WCC) to encourage service participation and stall contributions.
  - Promoted the event via the Co-Production webpage, Worcestershire Facebook page, and through established partnership networks including schools, groups, services, and CYP known to co-production officers.
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### 4. Outputs

- 13 services from the community and from Worcestershire County Council attended the event to host an information stall for families
  - SENDIASS provided 3 workshops; *who are SENDIASS; what you need to know if you CYP has SEND; introduction to preparing for adulthood.*
  - Successfully engaged with over 50 children, young people, and their families.
  - 2 new families signed up to Worcestershire Parent Carers' Community
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### 5. Outcomes

- Two new young people joined the SEND Forum, which has since been named *Voices United*, which has led to increased engagement with the newly formed forum.
  - Strengthened connections between co-production officers, CYP, families, and service providers meaning raised awareness of available support and services within Worcestershire for families of CYP with SEND.
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### 6. Impact of event

- Voices of children and young people heard -
    - Will help to define the outcomes for CYP with SEND in Worcestershire that the local partnership will aim to achieve.
    - Will start to shape the upcoming Change Programme workshops
    - Will feed into the updated short breaks statement.
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## 7. Reflections and Recommendations for Future Events

- Consider hosting future events in both the north and south of the county to improve accessibility for families.
- Explore holding an event at the weekend to maximise attendance.
- Review parking arrangements and ensure families are made aware of options in advance.

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## 8. Conclusion

The SEND Co-Production Launch Event was a positive and successful opportunity to connect with children, young people, and families, and to strengthen collaborative working with local services. The event has already led to increased engagement with the newly formed *Voices United* forum and has highlighted valuable considerations for future co-production activities.

## 8. Feedback

“I really enjoyed it. It was nice to see some of the children who are service users. It reminds you of why we do the jobs we do”

“There was loads going on and a friendly atmosphere”

“Thank you, we enjoyed the event and was great to network with everyone. Chatted with many professionals who feel that they would like to signpost many to us. It was very worthwhile and we would like to be involved in future events of this nature”

“I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the hard work you put into the SEND co-production event at the Hive – there was a real buzz and you were truly getting the team on the radar! I enjoyed helping with meet and greet



“When you do another one: signs outside the building. An article in the News section of the website in the lead up and the week of the event. I do not do social media – but perhaps a countdown to the event on WCC social media as well as the co-production account.”

8. What did you like most about the event?

Something different to do

9. How could the event be improved?

No

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I enjoyed today	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I found today interesting	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I found today useful	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I learnt something new today	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would attend another event like this	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The range of activities available was good	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The location was suitable	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I learnt about the work co-production officers do today	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how to contact the co-production officers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. How likely are you to recommend the event to a friend or colleague? \*

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Not at all likely										Extremely likely

