



PETER PAN CENTRE

for children with special needs



Help us to provide life-changing care and education for children with special needs and the support their families deserve.

Welcome

Welcome to the Peter Pan Family!

Thank you so much for fundraising for the Peter Pan Centre. This is your opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of children with special educational needs & disabilities and their families through some amazing fundraising.

This pack is filled with lots of fundraising ideas, advice and resources on how to raise money for us in a fun, safe and legal way so you can smash your fundraising target. The incredible generosity of people like you amazes us every day, so whatever you choose to do, big or small, we can't thank you enough for helping us give children with SEND the very best start in life.



Get in touch

Call 01782 715219

Email fundraising@thepeterpancentre.co.uk

Website www.thepeterpancentre.co.uk

Our vision

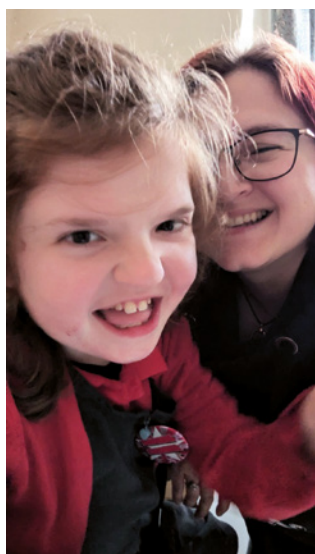
A world where
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Why the Peter Pan Centre?

Founded in 1969 as a playgroup for children with disabilities, the Peter Pan Centre has grown year-on-year, transforming the lives of children with special educational needs and their families across Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire and Cheshire.

We deliver the highest quality care, education and support for the whole family, right from the moment children are born until they start school. No other charity does what we do in our region, and because we are heavily reliant on charitable fundraising we couldn't do what we do without supporters like you. Whatever our families need, the Peter Pan Centre is there for them, and you make it all possible.

Meet Meliah and Katrina



“Meliah was two when she came to the Peter Pan Centre. She has an ultra-rare genetic condition called Basilicata-Akhtar syndrome, which causes a range of issues including Global Development Delay, neurocognitive deficits, breathing and intestinal problems as well as autism spectrum disorder. Meliah

couldn't talk, she was tube fed, couldn't communicate in any way and her mobility was poor so spent most of her time in a wheelchair.

Staff at the Peter Pan Centre could see how funny and clever Meliah was, she was strong willed and determined to be independent. Over the next 3 years I saw her going from a baby trapped in a toddler's body to actually being able to express herself and get what she wants across to you, especially to those who understood her. Staff worked sensitively and intensively with Meliah so that she could communicate more clearly in her own way, supported her to meet her eating needs and achieved fantastic progress around her physical development.

Without the Peter Pan Centre she would not have experienced early education or spend time with her peers.

I remember when she started here she couldn't sit up. When she left she could pull to stand and cruise around the furniture which was something her occupational therapist told us would never happen. At the same time we were able to have a break from our caring responsibilities, with the peace of mind knowing that people we really trusted were taking care of our child.

I've got a lot to be thankful for when it comes to the Peter Pan Centre. It is very special to me as it has made such a difference to Meliah. There is no nursery, in Stoke, in Newcastle, in Staffordshire or surrounding areas that does what this place does. For that few hours a week I could leave Meliah here knowing that she was completely safe which I couldn't do with a standard mainstream nursery. They didn't know how to deal with her – they couldn't cope with her seizures, they couldn't have peg fed her. She had the one-on-one support and care that she needed here.”

Katrina, mum to Meliah and Parent Trustee of the Peter Pan Centre

Our purpose

Devoting ourselves to life-changing care and education for children with special needs and the support their families deserve.

Where do I start?

We are so glad that you've chosen to support the Peter Pan Centre. These ideas are just a few of the many ways that you can get involved with fundraising for our children and families. Take a look to see if anything gets you excited, or maybe you've had your own awesome idea, in which case we'd love to hear about it!

You can also keep up to date with all of our fundraising events and campaigns on our website, www.thepeterpancentre.co.uk/events or follow us on facebook, www.facebook.com/peterpancentre



Fitness fanatic? Do a Step challenge count



Keep it classic in a bath of beans!



Hold a concert or gig with your band



Feel festive by setting up a Santa's Grotto



Give up your favourite thing – maybe alcohol?



Host a dog show for your canine friends



Organise a summer fête



Get spooky with a Halloween party



Keep collection tins in your office, shop or cafe for donations



Knit hats, scarves, baby cardigans or toys to sell!

Meet Nevaeh and Sarah

Sarah was signposted to the Peter Pan Centre with her daughter Nevaeh while she was being diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Pica and sleep maintenance disorder. She had a wonderful health visitor but Sarah wasn't getting the answers she needed and was struggling to navigate the numerous referrals to endless professionals and organisations. They started attending our Stay and Play sessions and Sarah says this made such a huge difference to their lives.

Sarah explained, "Peter Pan is amazing. Starting Stay and Play was so beneficial for us because I was able to ask lots of questions, but also talk to other parents in the same situation as me while Nevaeh got to play and explore in a safe and fun environment. We can offload to each other and they understand completely because they know what you're going through. I've made friends there that I talk to every day. When you have a child with SEND you haven't got a clue what to do!"

How you make a difference

It doesn't matter what you do, how you do it, and how much you raise.
Your donations achieve big things!

£15

£15 funds that vital first hour's assessment when our specialist staff can find out all about a family and the needs of their child so they can begin their journey with Peter Pan.

£20 will purchase a specialist toy for one of our children with a visual impairment.

£20

£30

£30 delivers a Stay and Play session out in the community for parents and carers to meet one another and access advice & support while their children can make friends, play safely and learn new skills with our family support team.

£50 pays for a parent or carer to attend a training course around key issues they face such as sleep, first aid and Makaton, helping them to feel more confident in caring for their child at home.

£50 also pays for a 2.5 hour, 1-to-1 individually tailored play therapy session at our specialist nursery with our highly qualified and experienced practitioners. These sessions help young children thrive around physical development, communication, confidence and key life skills such as eating, drinking and socialising so they can become more independent. At the same time parents and carers get some much needed respite from their caring role.

£50

£6,000

£6,000 keeps the Peter Pan Centre open for a whole week delivering all of our core services!

Your support makes this all possible.

"The best thing is that as a family we don't feel lost anymore. Every step of our journey the staff at Peter Pan have been there for us. Facing the Education Health and Care Plan process isn't as scary with them by our side. I can message them and get lots of helpful advice. And I'm always learning from them, I just completed a Sleep Tight workshop which was really useful and got to share ideas with other parents who also never get any sleep! The service you get is so personal, it really is a family."



Challenge yourself

The Peter Pan Centre has a fantastic calendar of challenges guaranteed to give you an adrenaline fix! We can help you tick that skydive off your bucket list, or support your dream to run a crazy distance. Whatever it is we will be there every step of the way with you preparing for the event and hitting your fundraising target.

Skydive



Bungee Jump



Run



Cycle or Trek



If you want to challenge yourself but want to do something different to what we offer then get in touch and we will help you make it happen!

Visit www.thepeterpancentre.co.uk/fundraising to find out more and sign up for an experience of a lifetime whilst making a huge difference to the lives of children with SEND.

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do."

Mark Twain

Chris Flynn's story

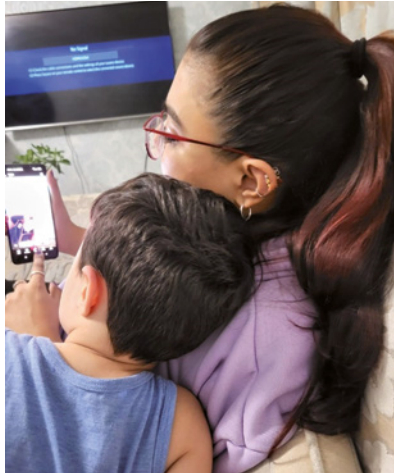


Chris is a long-term local supporter of the Peter Pan Centre. He uses his position in the community as a local business owner, Giliker Flynn Independent Wealth Ltd, to maximise his fundraising efforts and raise awareness for the charity. He has been involved in a variety of ways, including running the Potters 'Arf half marathon and raising over £1,500, making regular donations and volunteering his time to help organise the Peter Pan annual Charity Golf Day every year.

Thank you to our supporters

Meet Aslan and Kherun

Aslan joined the Peter Pan family in August 2023. He has autism and is non-verbal. He was struggling at his mainstream nursery because of difficulties with social communication and interaction; he found it hard to regulate his emotions; he had a short attention span and had no sense of fear or danger.



His Aunt Kherun told us, "When Aslan came to Peter Pan we could not believe how much he was coming out of his shell. By identifying his unique needs and supporting him in such a tailored way, he improved so much, becoming more affectionate and being able to hold his focus for a longer time."

Kherun wanted to give something back to the charity in 2024, so she decided to take part in our skydive challenge event. She said, "This charity is very close to my heart. Skydiving has been on my bucket list for over 12 years, so after seeing a flyer and thinking back to how much the centre has helped my family, I jumped at the opportunity (pardon the pun!)."

Aslan's aunt travelled all the way from West London to take part in the jump at Tilstock Airfield. She loved the excitement of the jump and was ready to do it all over again as soon as her feet landed on the ground – and she raised a fantastic £700 for the charity. Kherun added, "I reached my target and then some, which made me very proud as I know how much of a difference this makes to all the children and families currently involved with the Peter Pan Centre, families just like mine."



He told the Peter Pan Centre, "I really appreciate what I have, I feel so lucky to have my daughters Norah and Heidi, they are everything to me! I understand some people have a more difficult parenting journey, so I want to play a part in helping and support others in more challenging situations. I enjoy raising money for the Peter Pan Centre as I know it makes a huge difference to the children they look after, and their families. Plus it's my way of showing gratitude as I wouldn't like to take my circumstances for granted."

Thank you Chris!



Workplace fundraising

There are so many opportunities for businesses and employees to get involved with fundraising for the Peter Pan Centre. The sky is the limit in terms of what you can do – and your support will not only help our children and families but it will bring a wealth of benefits to your workplace too – such as developing teamwork skills, improving employee wellbeing, demonstrating your commitment to your community and strengthening your brand's image. We love building mutually beneficial partnerships with our local business community.



Staff Fundraising – be as creative as you want and use your staff's skills to have a blast while fundraising. Office Olympics, dress down days, crazy tie days, quizzes, swear jars – you choose!

Gifts in Kind – offering goods or services free-of-charge rather than cash donations help us reduce our costs.

Event sponsorship – sponsoring one of our events gives your business fantastic publicity whilst allowing more money to go directly to supporting our vulnerable children.

Attending Peter Pan Centre events and campaigns – why not sign up to one of our challenges as a team or attend something like our annual Golf Day and have a fantastic day out teambuilding, meeting like-minded people and raising essential funds for the charity.



Payroll Giving – You can give to charity, straight from your salary each payday before tax, so it is the easiest, most tax-efficient way for staff to make donations. If you choose to donate £10 for example, only £8 comes out of your salary. The tax system pays the rest.

Match funding – Employers can often match staff fundraising pound for pound depending on what company policy is.

Charity promotion – We benefit hugely from other people talking about what we do to their contacts, so if you can refer us to customers and clients then they may be interested in supporting us too! Why not also share your stories in your newsletters and on your website.

Volunteering – Your time and skills are incredibly valuable, so we are always looking for volunteers to support us at events, offer expert advice, help with building maintenance or administrative tasks. These opportunities are great ways to build staff morale, have fun and give something back to your local community.





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“Our relationship with the Peter Pan Centre began with a simple insurance review. During our conversation, they mentioned their struggle to fill their annual golf day. Recognising an opportunity to contribute, we rallied our network of friends and clients, successfully filling the event and raising vital funds. Inspired by this initial success, our team embraced the spirit of giving. For example, the whole team donated the cost of their Christmas meal. Lesley, our Client Manager, took on a sponsored swim, raising over £1,000. Dawn Cotton, another valued team member, made a bold statement by shaving her head in the office, raising an incredible £4,000.

We also embraced creative fundraising efforts. A “World Book Day” fancy dress event brought joy and raised funds, while our second golf day surpassed expectations. Looking ahead we can’t wait to continue our partnership with Peter Pan, we’re excited to announce our plans for a Charity Ball to not only generate significant funds but also serve as a platform to celebrate the charity’s invaluable contributions to the community.



Our support for the Peter Pan Centre also extends beyond fundraising. We offer our time as volunteers whenever possible, contributing our skills and expertise to their initiatives. We also actively promote them within our business community, encouraging others to join us in supporting their noble causes. We are proud to be a founding member of the Peter Pan Centre’s Champions Club, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to the charity. Their dedication to making a positive impact aligns perfectly with our company’s values, and we’re honoured to be associated with such a remarkable organisation.” Peter Lycett, Commercial Director.



Organising your own event

We are so touched by the generosity and enthusiasm of our local community. You may be part of an informal group of friends, or want to get involved with your sports club, place of worship, school, college, choir or even your pub! We want it to be a big success so get in touch to let us know what you're planning to do. And if you need inspiration check out these great ideas:

A Great British Bake Off

- Coffee mornings
- Cake sales
- Make it competitive – may the best cake win!
- Donate a % of sales of cakes at your coffee shop, restaurant or hotel



Football Fanatics

- Organise a 5-a-side football tournament
- Hold a sports-themed quiz
- It doesn't have to be football – how about a netball match or your own version of Wimbledon!



Dressing Up

- Join us for our Peter Pan Wear it Purple campaign, held on Valentine's Day each year
- Wear your pyjamas for the day
- Dress up like one of Peter Pan's Lost Boys or Captain Hook's pirates!
- Organise a charity ball and get those glamorous black tie outfits on



Get Sponsored

- Do a sponsored chest/leg/back wax or go big and shave your head
- Give up something you love for a month – social media, chocolate, TV!
- Take part in a Peter Pan Centre sponsored Bounceathon or Storython!



Try Your Luck

- Organise a race night with friends
- Hold a raffle with prizes donated by friends, family, colleagues and local businesses
- How about a James Bond style Casino night event?
- Distribute empty jars to your class to fill with coppers or 5p's. The person who collects the most wins a prize!



Superhero supporter stories

Alleyne's Academy Sponsored Walk

Grace Francis got in touch with the Peter Pan Centre when she wanted to walk the distance of climbing Snowdon with her friends at Alleyne's Academy Sixth Form. Grace said, "We decided to raise money for the charity as some of us know some of the families that the charity supports. As students, many of us also want to work with vulnerable children in the future so wanted to help make a difference to their lives. We completed our walk and managed to raise £800 on Justgiving, which we are really proud of."



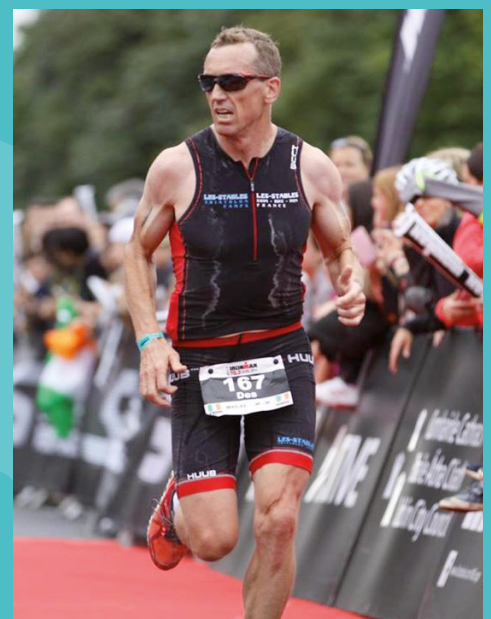
Des McManus's London Marathon



Des McManus, Founder and owner of FFS Beauty, chose to run the London Marathon to raise funds for the Peter Pan Centre. He made it even more challenging by dressing up as a giant razor, the FFS Beauty Mascot! Already an experienced athlete, Des found it surprisingly difficult to run in the outfit so had it uniquely adapted with solar panel fans to help cool him down as he ran. He successfully completed the marathon and we were thrilled that he raised over £1,000.

Des decided to support the Peter Pan Centre after researching local children's charities in Staffordshire and developing a strong affinity with the charity's vision. It also happened to be founded in the same year Des was born.

After visiting the children, Des said 'It was a real pleasure seeing how much the service makes a difference to the children. The work you do holds a special significance because of the way you empower children with special needs. I look forward to continuing to support you in the future!'



Regular giving



Help us be there all of the time for those in need by becoming a Friend of Peter Pan

Our Friends of Peter Pan scheme is our monthly giving programme. By choosing to give a regular monthly donation you help us to plan ahead and make long-term improvements for our children and their families. A regular gift allows us to plan for the future because we know, day in day out, that we will have a regular income stream that we can rely upon.

- **Just £1 a week** helps us pay for snack time for a child attending the centre
- **£5 a month** helps us buy new specialist toys and equipment for our children to use
- **£50 a month** supports a family to access our care, education and support for a week

Membership means:

- A commitment from just £1 a week or whatever you can afford
- Certificate of membership
- Exclusive news updates and centre visits
- Celebrate our children's journeys with us now you are part of our family!

For more information and to sign up by direct debit please visit www.thepeterpancentre.co.uk/friends-of-the-peter-pan-centre/. Alternatively give us a call on 01782 715219 to discuss setting up a standing order with your bank.

Giving in memory & celebration

In Memory

Many of our supporters choose to pay tribute to a loved one by making a donation to the Peter Pan Centre. You may choose to hold a collection at their funeral or memorial service, or request donations in lieu of flowers. It may be that you simply wish to remember them on a special date, anniversary or birthday and make donations through an online site such as MuchLoved.com. However you wish to do this, it creates a wonderful lasting legacy while supporting our children and families to have the best start in life. To discuss this further please call the fundraising team on 01782 715219 or email fundraising@thepeterpancentre.co.uk. We'd love to hear their story and what giving for them means to you.

"My mother always said what marvellous work you do. She would be happy knowing that the Peter Pan Centre has received donations rather than flowers at her funeral."

You can also leave a gift in your Will. This is a lovely way to leave your own lasting legacy and help future generations of children with SEND. Gifts in Wills mean that you can make a huge difference to vulnerable families without it costing you a penny during your lifetime. There are various things to consider when making your Will and who to make it with, so please get in touch with us to discuss this further on 01782 715219. Once loved ones have been provided for, even just a little of what's left can go a long way towards ensuring the Peter Pan Centre is here for local children and families for as long as they need us.

In Celebration

Whether you are celebrating a birth or a retirement party, a wedding or religious festival, asking for donations instead of gifts is a really inspiring way for family and friends to mark your occasion and make it extra special by helping to make life better for children with SEND and their families.

You can donate online or create an 'In Celebration' page on Justgiving and then all you have to do is send the link to your family and friends. Celebrating a birthday? Why not ask for donations instead of sending cards and gifts. Or spread the love to our children on your wedding day by asking your wedding party to donate online instead of to a wedding gift list.



How to set up online fundraising

Online fundraising is the easiest and safest way to raise money for the Peter Pan Centre. You can quickly share it with more people too. Once you have decided what you want to do to make a difference, set your target and then follow these steps:

1. Visit www.justgiving.com
2. Search for The Peter Pan Centre and when you get the results select the 'Charities' button at the top. Click on our logo as the charity you are fundraising for.
3. Select the 'Fundraise for us' button
4. You will be asked to log in or create an account
5. Follow the questions asking what you are fundraising for
6. Find the event you are taking part in, or if you are organising your own event then you can add this manually
7. You can then get creative with setting your target, adding photos and even videos. Remember to explain in more detail what you are doing and why you are doing it!
8. We are here to help should you have any problems so please call or email us if you have any questions.



How to hit your target

Shout about what you're doing!

Spread the word about what you are doing to everyone you can think of. Share your donation link if you have one and keep everyone updated on your fundraising progress. Social media is a fantastic way to do this, so get sharing on Facebook, X, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok and LinkedIn to name just a few platforms! Email everyone you can, and try adding your donation page link in your email signature – you never know who will see it and make a donation!

Share, share, share

Ask friends and family to share your link or event as much as they can to reach even more people.

Don't forget to thank people when they make a donation as it makes them feel good and often encourages others to do the same. And shout about how their money makes a difference to the children and families we support. We can provide personal stories to help with this.

Gift Aid

Make sure you ask everyone that qualifies to tick the 'Gift Aid' box to increase their donations by 25% at no extra cost to them!

Break it into manageable chunks

Sometimes it can seem daunting when you've first set your fundraising target and haven't raised any money. Why not split it into smaller amounts and work out how you can reach each level. For a sponsored event you can organise activities other than sponsorship to help reach your target such as a pub quiz or concert. Remember that people who set themselves a target raise at least 20% more than those who don't – but keep yours realistic as you can always increase it later.

Matched Funding

Ask your employer if they have a matched funding scheme. Many companies will make donations towards staff fundraising efforts, with some matching up to a certain amount – so whatever you raise they will donate the same amount again! A quick and easy way to reach your target if it is available.

Ask for our help

We love to share what you are doing with all of our supporters, followers, staff, volunteers, Trustees and families so get in touch if you want us to feature you on our website and social media as well as in our centre or at our groups. This often results in additional donations or increased attendance at events.

Kherun's top tips for fundraising

"Start a Justgiving page as quick as you can, add lots of pictures and a description as to why you are doing the skydive and what it means to you. Making it personal makes all the difference.

Then share the page everywhere! Use your social media, but also message people on Whatsapp, put the link on your status and don't be afraid to annoy everyone by asking again and again!"



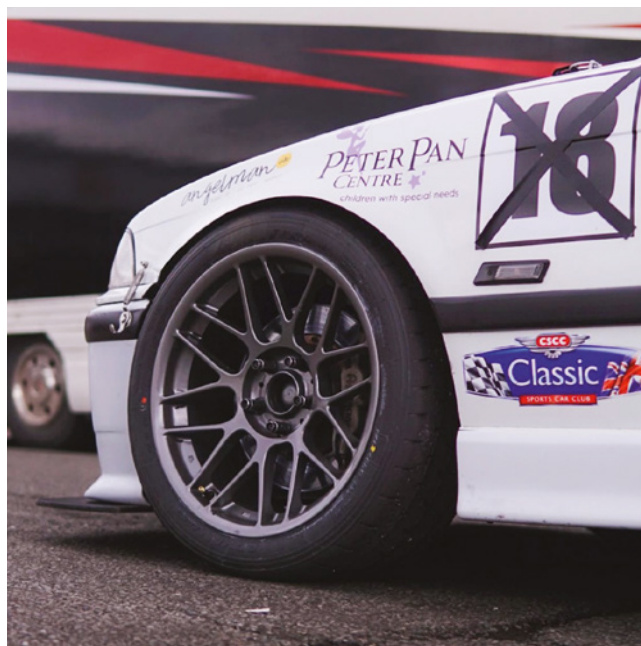
Promoting your fundraising

We have a variety of promotional materials, merchandise and branded fundraising tools you can use to maximise your fundraising efforts. It also helps other people know that you are fundraising for the Peter Pan Centre.

We can provide the following:

- Logos and images
- Flyers
- Posters
- Sponsorship forms
- Collection tins and buckets
- Pull-up indoor banners
- Outdoor banners
- Tablecloths
- Selfie frames
- T-shirts
- Pens
- Pin badges

We can also promote your event or activity at our centre, our social media, our News section of the Peter Pan website, on local news and around our local community. Just get in touch if you need help with this.



Paying in your money

Thank you so much for fundraising for the Peter Pan Centre. We're so grateful for all the hard work you put into supporting our staff and volunteers. Now you've done the hard work, here are the ways you can pay your funds to the charity.

ONLINE

If you used Justgiving, our main giving platform, or a similar online giving site such as GoFundMe, then the Peter Pan Centre receives this automatically every week, so you don't have to do a thing.

BANK TRANSFER

To pay funds by BACS, you will require the following details. Please use your name and/or event as reference.

Account name – The Peter Pan Centre Ltd
Bank – Santander
Sort code – 09-02-22
Account number – 10763445

IN PERSON

You can drop off cash, cheques and donated items at our centre. We are located next to Merryfields School on Hoon Avenue, Wolstanton, ST5 9NY. We are open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Thursday, and 9am to 4pm on Fridays. Staff can also help collect donations locally, just get in touch with us to arrange this.

BY POST

Please do not send cash in the post. We are happy to receive cheques though, and they should be made payable to 'The Peter Pan Centre Ltd'. And make sure you include information about who you are and what you did to fundraise this money. If it was a sponsored event don't forget to include your sponsorship forms. And if you have a collection tin, you can bring it back to us to be counted and we can give you a new one to take back with you.

Don't forget to thank everyone who made a donation, took part in an event or supported you in your fundraising efforts!



Keeping it safe & legal

Keep the fun in fundraising by remembering to keep everything legal and safe! We are here to support you, but you do need to take responsibility for your own events and activities. Always call or email us if you have any questions.

Health and Safety

It is important to undertake a risk assessment if you are organising a fundraising event of any kind. This is so you can identify all the potential hazards, prioritise them and decide what measures you need to put in place so that everyone involved stays safe.

Ensure you have adequate first aid cover and emergency procedures for the size of your event.

If you are using a venue, ensure you have full permission from the owner and that it is suitable and accessible for all participants. If you are selling alcohol ensure the venue is licenced, otherwise you will need to arrange an alcohol licence. If you are serving food then you should request a food hygiene certificate from caterers.

Insurance

Please remember you are responsible for your fundraising and the Peter Pan Centre cannot accept liability for any event or activity you undertake.

Any activity involving the general public will require public liability insurance which you will need to budget for if you don't have it already. You can obtain this from any insurer. If you are using a venue that already has insurance, ensure it covers your activity. Any vendors coming to your event will also need to have public liability insurance. You may also need insurance against theft or damage to property and equipment.

Raffles

If you wish to hold a raffle without a licence then tickets must be sold and winners announced during the event. Tickets should not be bought or sold by anyone under 16.

Children and Young People

Ensure that children and young people are suitably supervised if they are attending your fundraising event or activity. Where possible encourage parents to attend. Do not allow any unsupervised child under the age of 16 to collect money from the public and do not allow any child under the age of 18 to take part in games where alcohol is a prize.

If you are taking photos or videos you will always need to gain parental consent and do not publish or distribute these without their explicit permission. Copies of DBS checks should be requested and checked for any supplier having direct contact with children.

Money

If collecting money in a public place make sure you have permission from the owner and adhere to all internal procedures.

If possible count the money you've collected with another person present and have them verify the total amount raised. Make sure cash is kept in a secure place, preferably a lockable box, and banked as soon as possible.

Personal Data

If you collect any information that can be used to identify someone (name, address, telephone number, email etc.) then make sure you let them know why you need this data, how you will safely store it and for how long. Do not share details and make sure you have permission to use their data only in the way you have stated.



Eddie's story

"My name is Catherine and I am the Chief Executive of the Peter Pan Centre but I am also mum to Eddie, a Peter Pan graduate who had an amazing start in life thanks to four years of care and support from the Peter Pan team.

Having a baby should be one of the happiest times of your life. But when my long-awaited and longed-for baby was born with a serious disability, the happiness I felt was overwhelmed by fear and anxiety. I hadn't expected this. I wasn't ready for this. I knew nothing about children with disabilities. Eddie was born in 2013 with Down's syndrome. He spent 3 weeks in neonatal intensive care.

At 10 weeks he underwent eye surgery and had to wear contact lenses for 6 months. Maternity leave was a whirlwind of medical appointments, hospital visits and ambulances. Other services became involved in Eddie's care, services I had never known existed like Occupational Therapy and Portage. I wasn't ready for this.

To try and keep some semblance of normality, Eddie and I ventured out to baby groups. We were welcomed with open arms by other parents but I couldn't help but notice the increasing differences between my child and theirs. I couldn't join in with conversations about first smiles, first babbles, first words, first foods, first steps. Eddie wasn't developing like other people's children. Then we found the Peter Pan Centre.

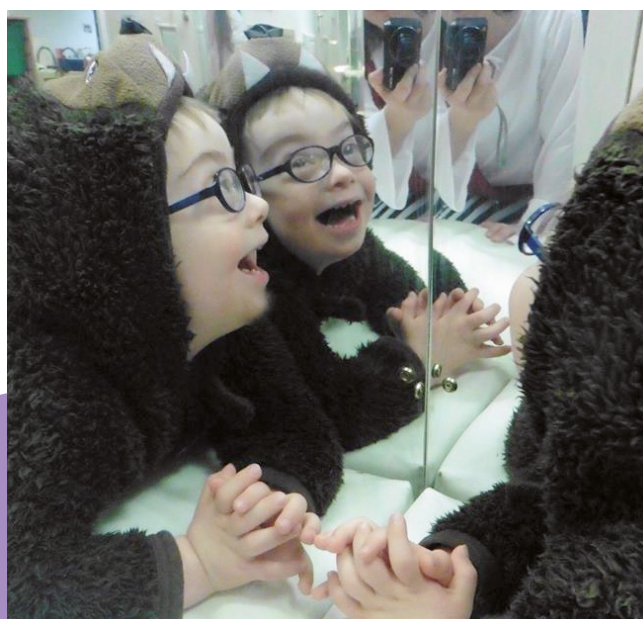
At the Peter Pan Centre I realised that it was OK that Eddie wasn't developing like other children. That he'd get there in his own time. And I learnt that it's OK to be not OK with that sometimes. And that there are tea, biscuits, tissues and a shoulder to cry on there if you need it. At the Peter Pan Centre I met other families going through similar journeys to us. We made a new support network and friends



for life. Friends who 'get it' and who have 'been there' and who are with us every step of the way on this journey none of us were expecting. At the Peter Pan Centre I learnt how to help Eddie learn and communicate. Eddie developed an amazing bond with his keyworker Michelle, whose care, patience and expertise allowed him to flourish.

The team helped us navigate the overwhelming and complex work of Special Educational Needs, advocating for us at meetings, offering advice, leading on Eddie's Education, Health and Care Plan and securing our school of choice.

And in the middle of all this was a happy, content little boy who didn't know all this was going on around him, for this was his life. And Eddie loves life! Eddie was born ready and Peter Pan gave him the best start in life. And they helped me get ready for my new life as mum to a child with a profound and complex learning disability."





Get in touch!

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