

SATURDAY 8TH JULY 2023

With Lavinia Donling

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I am not quite sure where the week has gone, but here we are again and it is Saturday morning! This week has been considerably cooler with grey skies, winds and rain on the Isle of Anglesey and I am aware other areas in the UK has experienced similar. Bizarre for July especially with June being recorded as the hottest month in something like over 70 years! Last weekend Yasmin and I had driven down to Birmingham for the Learning Disabilities and Autism awards, but then spent time driving down to Ascot to see friends, before heading home on



Sunday via Diddly Squat Farm owned by the well known celebrity, Jeremy Clarkson. We knew we had arrived with the infamous queuing to get into the small shop (only open Thurs to Sunday) and the line of cars parked on the grass verge as the car parks were full. Needless to say, despite it being a small set up, we were suitably impressed.

L O C A L A U T H O R I T I E S

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B U D D Y S U P P O R T

Some parents can feel very isolated, anxious and exhausted from having to care for their child's mental health that has broken down to not being able to attend school. Generally, children attend school whilst adults go to work, so when parents are working at home with a poorly child, this can hamper the work process, which can then have further repercussions in not getting work done, and ultimately affect finances. We know enough parents within TMW family, that occasionally we can draw on their resources to support us in a variety of ways. This can be from being a NED, to talking on our Youtube channel about mental health and neuro-diversity, but can also from time to time about reaching out to support another family who are getting their heads around a new situation. I am very grateful to one of our families who have kindly agreed to reach out and support another family who has only recently started out on their SEN journey that can be quite overwhelming. If you would like to act as a Buddy to support another family, please could you let Lavinia know.

We are very mindful of who we work with in partnerships. A lot of people love wallets, and I refuse to operate in this manner. I figured that if TMW as a cic could support families with the lowest costs possible, and the standard of work was high, there would be enough clients to keep the doors open, as well as a roof over my head. My theory has proved me correct. So many of our clients, these days, have been personally recommended by previous clients. However, some of our referrals also come from the personal recommendations of our partnerships, and these are lovely as we provide the evidence and they do the advocating. In the last week the SEN Ninja, Sair, has been successful with a couple of our clients starting their therapy packages based on her advocacy for their child's needs, but also Jeannette Bidder has successfully fought with other clients of ours in getting packages of care. These women know how to advocate, and assert their arguments, based on our reports as evidence, and winning. More importantly, they love advocating and supporting families, rather than loving wallets! It has been a hugely successful week to that end, especially when we now have Lancashire and Hackney join us as new LA partners. Well done, Ladies! You do a superb job in advocating.

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All the Best!

Have you recently been diagnosed with Autism and/or ADHD? Or having waited on the neuro-pathway for months/years had your child recently diagnosed?

You then expect some form of help, right? Instead, you are promptly discharged and told 'All the best' with no advice, support or coaching with your new diagnosis. So, **now what?**

THIS COURSE IS BEING HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH OF JULY FROM 20:00. COST IS £55 PER CLIENT, OR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF £35 IF BOOKED BEFORE THE 10TH. CONTACT JOHN ON [INFO@THE-M-WORDCIC.CO.UK](mailto:info@the-m-wordcic.co.uk) TO BOOK YOUR TICKET.

Next week, we are holding 'All the Best' course. If you have recently had a screening or diagnosis of Autism and/or ADHD, and your head is spinning trying to make sense of the new information, then you might wish to turn up at this event which is live on Thursday 13th of July. Early bird discount closes on Monday 10th of July evening.

Please email info@the-m-wordcic.co.uk to purchase tickets.

So, whilst it is dry, I had better cut the grass! Have a good w/e everyone!

Lavinia