

SENDiVERSE FESTIVAL 2025

From Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October, Bradford and Keighley will come alive with colour, music, movement, and creativity - all led by and for SEND children, young people, and their families. Organisations right across the district are bringing you over 60 amazing activities. And to top it all off, we're going out with a **BIG BANG celebration on Saturday 1st November!**

MONDAY 27 OCT

DOODLE & DREAMERS

Paint, sculpt, dance, and make music in a multi-sensory creative workshop.
Feversham Primary Academy
10:00 - AGE 5-11

BOOGIE AND BREATHE

Kids dance while carers relax with yoga in this family wellbeing arts session.
Bradford Arts Centre, St Peter's House
10:00 - 12:00 - AGE 7-14

NRC COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Join us for a coffee morning, arts & crafts, fun and community connection.
NRC, Ventnor St
10:00 - 12:00 - ALL AGES

BRUSH STROKES OF BELONGING

Paint banners celebrating football, creativity, and community.
The Horsfall Community Stadium
10:00 - 14:00 - AGE 8-16

INNER SOUND

Try something new - experience a soothing sound bath.
Manningham Library, Carlisle Rd,
12:30 - 13:30 - AGE 6+

SEND DISCO BY BOOMCHIKKABOOM

Dance, sing, and explore sensory play in an immersive musical disco.
Newby Primary School
13:00 - 16:00 - AGE 5-11

DEVONSHIRE ART ATTACK

A fun-filled, community-based outdoor arts event at Devonshire Park.
Devonshire Park
16:00 - 18:00 - AGE 8-16

SNOOP SPORTS & GAMES DAY-FUN FOR ALL

Play curling, boccia, and design your own medals in a creative sports day.
SNOOP, Newlands House One
9:00 - 17:00 - AGE 8-18

GARDEN IN A JAR

Craft your own terrarium and discover the art of nature in a calming workshop.
Holme In The Wood Coffee Shop
17:00 - 20:00 - AGE 11-16

ANYTIME

EXPLORING SEND PRACTICE & STRATEGIES

Learn practical support strategies for special education. 4 hour course.
Online - Any Time - AGE 18+

TUESDAY 28 OCT

NRC COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Join in inclusive multi sports for fun and community connection.
Sports Complex, Midland Rd
10:00 - 12:00 - ALL AGES

SEND WALK

FREE walk to Shipley Canal, with the Canal and River Trust.
Shipley Library
10:00 - 11:00 - ALL AGES

CRAFT AND CONNECT

Enjoy painting, mehndi, and origami while making new friends.
Sangat Community Centre
10:00 - 14:00 - AGE 6-16

HOLMES DANCE ACADEMY

Join us for an interactive storytelling session; we'll bring stories to life in a fun and engaging way.
Shipley Library
10:30 - 11:00 - AGE 6+

RAINBOW PLATES WITH LITTLE FOODIES

Turn fresh fruit and veg into colourful edible art creations.
Bradford Arts Centre
11:00 - 16:00 - AGE 4-12

CALM YOUR SENSES

Step into an indoor sensory garden of art, sound, and nature.
Holme in the Wood
11:30 - 13:30 - ALL AGES

SEND SCARE - HALLOWEEN PARTY

Paint, carve, and create spooky art to celebrate Halloween in style.
Mary Magdalene Church
12:00 - 16:00 - AGE 10-16

RAINBOW DOTS

Meet a Paper Mixologist and make an amazing dot rainbow.
Manningham Library
13:00 - 14:00 - AGE 10-12

SILENT DISCO

Dance to your own beat in a colourful, family-friendly silent disco.
Barkerend East Family Hub
13:30 - 15:30 - AGE 5+

OUR VOICES, OUR COLOURS

Paint, collage, and create a giant artwork that tells your story.
Khidmat Centres, Spencer Rd
15:00 - 18:00 - AGE 16+

HOW TO START A SEND FRIENDLY BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Join our free online support session.
Online via Zoom
18:30 - 19:30 - AGE 18+

WEDNESDAY 29 OCT

NRC COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Join in inclusive multi sports for fun and community connection.
Sports Complex, Midland Rd
10:00 - 12:00 - ALL AGES

THE ROUGH AND THE SMOOTH SENSORY MESSY PLAY SESSION

Squish, roll, and shape textures in a messy play arts adventure.
Owlet Family Centre
09:30 - 11:00 - AGE 0-16

SENSORY FUN

Activities for all the senses including 3D painting, clay modelling and making musical instruments.
WBC, Clipstone St
10:00 - 13:00 - AGE 2-15

BUT I CAN'T READ MUSIC

A music making session for all ages and experience - come along and make some noise, have some fun.
Keighley Library
10:00 - 12:00 - AGE 6+

SENSORY BOTTLES: SHAKE THE MAGIC

Design your own sparkling sensory bottle of colour, texture, and light.
Holmewood Community Library
10:00 - 12:00 - AGE 4-12

MESSY MAGIC

Splash, squish, and paint in a taste-safe messy play and sensory art.
Café West, Wanstead Crescent
10:00 - 14:00 - UPTO 11

CRAFTS WITH KATT A BRADFORD COLLEGE EVENT

A relaxing drop-in session sewing a beautiful, vibrant notebook.
Children's Library, Bradford City Library
10:00 - 14:00 - AGE 6+

ARTS & CRAFT WORKSHOP

Decorate jars and coasters in a relaxed drop-in family craft session.
Manningham Mills Community Centre
10:00 - 14:00 - AGE 5+

MAKING WAVES!

Explore music with inclusive instruments and technology in a sensory-friendly space.
The Bolton Woods Centre
12:00 - 15:00 - AGE 5-16

SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY FUN

Carve pumpkins and paint glowing artworks in a cosy garden gathering.
Lister Avenue Community Garden
13:00 - 16:00 - AGE 8-16

THE ROUGH & THE SMOOTH

Sensory messy play session, squish, roll, and shape textures in a messy play arts adventure.
Reevy Hill Family Centre
13:00 - 15:00 - AGE 0-16

MOVEMENT & DANCE SESSION

Discover the joy of music and movement through playful global dance.
Kids Planet Woodside
13:30 - 14:30 - AGE 2-3

IMAGINE TOGETHER

Express yourself with painting, music, and crafts in an inclusive arts workshop.
KAWACC Eastwood Building
14:00 - 17:00 - AGE 6-11

HATS FULL OF FUN

Explore world cultures and make your own funky hat in this creative arts day.
BYO, Cornwall Rd
14:00 - 17:00 - ALL AGES

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A music making session for all ages and experience - come along and make some noise, have some fun.
Manningham Library
14:00 - 16:00 - ALL AGES

SENSORY PLAY

FREE sensory play session with a story at the end!
Eccleshill Library
14:30 - 15:30 - AGE 0-7

SENSORY MUSIC & STORY SESSION

Immerse yourself in storytelling, music, and sensory play.
Dan's Den at Christchurch, Ilkley
15:00 - 18:00 - AGE 3-16

PHAB-TASTICALLY DIVERSE EVENT

Celebrate cultures with Bollywood dance, henna, art workshops and music.
MAPA Community Centre
19:00 - 21:00 - AGE 5+

THURSDAY 30 OCT

ACADEMY OPEN DAY

Take part in Theatre, Dance & Music workshops with our skilled tutors & find out about the bespoke courses we offer.
Mind the Gap Studios
10:00 - 15:30 - AGE 16+

NATURE MAKERS: A CREATIVE WALK & CRAFT SESSION FOR FAMILIES

Collect natural treasures and turn them into beautiful nature-inspired artworks.
St Christopher's Community Centre
10:00 - 12:00 - AGE 3-11

CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

Juggle, balance, and learn circus tricks in this fun-filled workshop.
St Phillips Church, Girlington
10:30 - 12:30 - ALL AGES

MY HERITAGE, MY HANDS

Explore your heritage through photography, printing, and creative crafts.
Bradford Industrial Museum
10:30 - 12:00 - AGE 4-16

INCLUSIVE CULTURE IN MOTION

Dance, play, and create your own routine in a vibrant inclusive dance workshop.
Pinnacle Performance Fitness Studio
11:00 - 12:00 - AGE 6-14

ACCESSIBLE INCLUSIVE MUSIC

Online choir taster session, sing, sign, or move along in a joyful online inclusive choir.
Online via Zoom
11:00 - 13:00 - AGE UPTO 18

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SEND FUN DAY!

Enjoy creative stories, crafts, and sensory play in a fun family day.
Dixons Marchbank Primary School
13:00 - 15:00 - AGE 5-8

PRINT & BELONG: MONOCHROME HERITAGE MAKING

Create striking black-and-white prints inspired by Bradford's heritage.
Bradford Industrial Museum
13:00 - 15:00 - AGE 4-16

BUILDING IMAGINARY WORLDS: A SENSORY STORY-LED WORKSHOP

Build a giant sensory story world with art, props, and soundscapes.
Shipley Library
13:30 - 15:00 - AGE 6-12

SORM SPOOKY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Enjoy a spooky night of live music and Halloween fun created by SEND participants.
School of Rock and Media Social Centre
14:00 - 15:00 - AGE 16+

SEND-FRIENDLY CLAY WORKSHOP

Shape, mould, and paint clay creations to take home.
WomenZone
14:00 - 15:00 - AGE 14+

LANTERN CRAFTS

Make glowing lanterns with colourful craft materials to light up Halloween.
Laisterdyke Centre Manse St
14:00 - 15:00 - AGE 3-16

BOLLYWOOD BEATS

Tell stories and dance with your own hand-decorated dandiyan sticks.
Better Communities Bradford
14:00 - 16:00 - AGE UPTO 25

STAR HALLOWEEN PARTY

Join a SEND-friendly Halloween bash full of music, crafts, and pumpkin fun.
Culture Fusion Building
17:00 - 20:00 - AGE 11-25

FRIDAY 31 OCT

SPOOKY SEND SESSION

Dive into messy play, crafts, and pumpkin decorating in a Halloween-themed art adventure.
All Saints Trinity CE Primary School
10:30 - 12:00 - AGE 2-12

A GIG FOR KIDS HALLOWEEN BASH

Experience live music, crafts, and Halloween fun designed for SEND families.
Bradford New Church Frizinghall
10:30 - 12:30 - AGE 6-16

BUSY LIKE THE BRONTES

Sew, sketch, and make mini books just like the Brontë sisters.
Bronte Parsonage Museum
11:00 - 15:00 - ALL AGES

HALLOWEEN INTERACTIVE FUN

Bake, carve, and dance your way through a day of spooky arts fun.
Salts Hub at The Playing Fields, Victoria Rd
12:00 - 16:00 - AGE 4-12

AXES, ADVENTURE & AUTUMN

Bradford City FC Community Foundation gives you gooey s'mores, bush craft and axe throwing.
The City Hub, Valley Parade
12:00 - 15:00 - AGE 6+

SPOOKTACULAR STORY & LIGHTS

This Halloween afternoon blends storytelling and spoken word, visual art and craft, and a light-and-shadow performance.
Muff Field Cricket Club
13:00 - 16:00 - AGE 5-12

BRADFORD DISABILITY MIXED SPORTS

Try your hand at photography, film-making and mixed sports in one great taster session.
Grange Interlink
17:00 - 19:00 - AGE 6+

LIGHT PARTY

Celebrate with crafts, sensory lights, and music in a calm creative space.
St. James' Church, Thornton
18:00 - 19:30 - AGE 4-12

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER



Join us for a joyful, all-ages celebration of SEND creativity at the **BIG BANG** the grand finale of **SENDiVERSE Festival 2025!**

Enjoy a packed day of **FREE activities:** Circus Skills, Aerosol & Truck Art, Impact Gamers, Reptiles, Insects & Birds, Crafts & Nature Activities, Dance, Performance Workshops, Drumming, Silent Disco, Adaptive Bikes, The Literacy Trust Bradford Stories Bus, Sensory Play, Face Painting & more!

Bring your friends, your family, your whole creative energy — and let's make some amazing memories together.
The LIFE Centre, Wapping Road, BD3 0EQ

From 11AM-4PM All Ages

Stay tuned!
Keep an eye on our website for the latest events updates and new additions.