DERBY CITY INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP

INCLUSION 2026

EVERYONE. EVERYDAY. EVERYWHERE.

Delegate Guide

Date, Venue and Time

Date: Friday 27 November 2026

Venue: Vaillant Live, Colyear Street, Derby DE1 1LA

Arrival Time: 8:30-9:30am
Please arrive in plenty of time

Parking

The nearest parking is at Derbion Shopping Centre, DE1 2NS.

Other nearby car parks include Bold Lane, DE1 3NT and Chapel Street, DE1 3GU.

Tickets & Bags

Your ticket will be emailed to you one week before the event. Please have **your own** digital ticket ready to scan when you arrive.

Small bags only, please.

Food & Refreshments

A complimentary drink is available upon arrival.

Lunch can be purchased onsite (£8 meal deal), or delegates can choose to go offsite to eat.

Programme Overview

8:30-9:30am: Arrival

9:30am-12:45pm: Keynote Speakers

Afternoon onsite sessions (14:00-15:00pm) or remote webinars or school-led activities.

15:00pm: Event concludes

To view the full programme click here.

FAQs

For further information and a comprehensive list of FAQs, please scan the QR code or click here.

Afternoon Programme details are over the page.

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Afternoon Programme

On the day there are three types of afternoon sessions, they are:

Session 1:
In-person presentations at Vaillant Live
Time: 14:00pm-15:00pm

Session 2:
Remote Inclusion webinars and Inclusion Refection Toolkit

Session 3:
School-led content and plans

Your school has already selected one of the afternoon sessions for you, in advance of the day. Please liaise with your School Lead if you are unsure about your plans on the day.

Details about Session 1 and Session 2 are below.

Session 1: In-person presentations at Vaillant Live

All places for this session are pre-booked; changes cannot be made on the day.

Time: Arrival from 13:45pm and Sessions run 14:00pm-15:00pm
The event team will signpost delegates to their allocated rooms.

60 mins

Presentation 1: Headteachers & Senior Leaders
Working Together to Create a Genuinely Inclusive City - hosted by Mike Sheridan

Presentation 2: Teachers & Teaching Assistants
Creating an Inclusive Classroom – Practical Strategies - hosted by Mark Finnis

Presentation 3: SENCOs
SEND Reform – What SENCOs Need to Know - hosted by Professor Geri Codina & Mhairi McDonald-Junor

Presentation 4: Office & Support Staff
De-escalation and Positive Language - hosted by Richard Gerver

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Session 2: Remote Inclusion webinars and Inclusion Refection Toolkit

Scan to access all resources or click here

Accessed remotely, explore a range of webinars, inclusion scenarios, podcasts and practical resources to strengthen inclusive practice, or work through the Inclusion Reflection Toolkit.

Webinar Menu

All resources are available through the Inclusion Partnership website. Scan the QR code or click here and select 'Online Learning'.

There's no password required on the day, making it easy to access the resources, but we kindly ask that you only share these resources within your school.

All content will remain available on our Charter School Dashboard, where you can create a login for future access.

INCLUSION CHARTER

20 mins

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.

An introduction to the Inclusion Charter's ten principles, exploring how everyone can play a part in creating inclusive environments where every child feels they belong and can thrive.

Relational Schools

10-20 mins

The six topics covered are presented by Alison Lumley.

1) Smile
2) Breathe
3) Curious
4) Listen
5) Words
6) Structure

Neurobiology of Learning

45 mins

1) How the brain works
2) Emotional intelligence
3) The role of attachment

The three topics are presented by Dr Andrew Curran

Behaviour – Is there another way?

45 mins

The three topics covered are presented by Dave Whitaker.

1) Let's talk about your cultural position
2) Let's talk about the children
3) The Kindness Principle

Attendance

45-90 mins

1) Creating a culture - Vic Goddard
2) New Communities - Derby City Council
3) Parent and Carer Partnerships - Anna Freud
4) A sense of Belonging - Dr Pooky Knighsmith
5) EBSNA Strategies - Derby City Council
6) Parent experiences of EBSNA - Dr Rachel Sawyer

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Inclusion Scenarios

Working with Derby Youth Theatre, we have created four everyday school scenarios to encourage reflection on inclusive practice.

1) Losing Control, 2) Morning Meltdown,
3) Task Overload and 4) Unexpected Change

Each scenario includes Version A and Version B, showing different approaches and prompting us to consider how small changes can make a big difference.

DERBY THEATRE

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Inclusion Reflection Toolkit

NEW!

Our **NEW** online Inclusion Reflection Toolkit helps schools review and strengthen their inclusive practice against the ten Inclusion Charter principles, celebrating strengths and identifying areas for development.

Explore the toolkit with colleagues and agree practical next steps to strengthen inclusion across your school.

How to access the Toolkit

Visit the Inclusion Partnership website and click on the Charter School Dashboard. You'll need to log in to access the toolkit, but registering is quick and easy. Simply enter your details and submit your request for access to be approved.

Scan to access the Inclusion Reflection Toolkit or click here

Because school means *more*. Inclusion Podcasts

Produced by the Inclusion Partnership, our Because School Means More Podcast series brings together schools across Derby to share their inclusive stories, experiences and practical approaches. Through real conversations, we explore how schools are breaking down barriers, strengthening relationships and creating environments where every child feels safe, valued and included.

Available on:

Inclusion Partnership website

Spotify (Because School Means More)

YouTube (Because School Means More)

Scan to access the Inclusion Podcasts or click here

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We hope you enjoy the day!

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