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Every so often, we like to remind people that there is support to get online in Newcastle. We have several articles to point you in the right direction for information and a computer events and activities section to get the help you need.

[Computer classes and Information Technology \(IT support\)](#)

[Getting online and digital equipment](#)

[Making your computer or mobile device easier to use](#)

We also have an events and activities section, search on [type/computers](#). Please check that sessions are running as times/dates change in the autumn.

The next [Techy tea party](#) is on 25 September. Topics covered include: basic settings, how to secure your device, general navigation and downloading apps, advice if you are planning a purchase.

Ward events and priority setting

Do you want to influence choices that your Councillors and committee are making this year. Go along to your local event or fill in one of their flyers through your door. Have your say. Contact your Communities Team at the Council if you want to find out more. You may also find that you can take part in an online survey at [Let's Talk Newcastle](#).

Blakelaw Annual Ward Event, 3.30 to 5.30pm, 19 September 2019, Blakelaw Park

This is an opportunity to speak to local councillors about your priorities for the area. They will have a range of free activities including: bike marking for security and pet nutrition advice and demonstrations by the [PDSA Pet aid hospital](#).

Organisations that can help and support you in Blakelaw:

[Blakelaw community church](#)

[Blakelaw & District Social Club](#)

[Blakelaw Learning Hive](#)

Visit [pitchfinder](#) to find football opportunities at Blakelaw Park

West Fenham events

Wednesday 11 September

3.15pm - English Martyrs School

4.00pm - King George V Playing Field

4.45pm - Denton Dene North (opposite junction with Pooley Road)

Thursday 3 October

3.15pm - Stocksfield Avenue Primary School

4.00pm - Waterbeach Place

There are a number of organisations that can help you based in West Fenham, here are a few:

[The Angelou Centre](#)

[Fenham Association of Residents](#)

[West End library and community hub](#)

Great North Museum: Hancock shortlisted for Family Friendly Museum Award

Newcastle University's [Great North Museum: Hancock](#) has been shortlisted for the prestigious Family Friendly Museum Award.

Charity, [Kids in Museums](#) awards the prize annually to one museum, gallery, historic home or heritage site in the UK that goes the extra mile to provide a great experience for families. It is the only museum award judged by families.

The museum will now be visited by undercover family judges who will assess against the Kids in Museums [Manifesto](#). Their experiences will decide a winner for each award category and an overall winner. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in London in October.

Save the date and get involved: Takeover day 22 November 2019

[Takeover Day](#) was established to help historic institutions empower young people and give them meaningful roles in their organisations. Over 5,000 people, up to 25 years old, now take part each year. You can take part in anything from curation to digital promotion. Look out for opportunities. If you are a heritage/museum then promote what you are doing on their site. [Email](#) or ring 0203 096 7707.

Canaries in the Coal Mine

Newcastle CVS has published its [latest snapshot](#) on the state of the voluntary and community sector in Newcastle. Funding is stretched whilst the demand for services has increased. Some organisations have little contact with the public sector and some are struggling to recruit and retain volunteers upon which so much depends.

Get involved in our Prevention, Information and Advice Network which brings together the public, voluntary and community sector.

23 October, 10.30 - 1 pm

Bewicks at the City Library

[Email](#) to find out more.

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Sexual Health Week, 16 to 22 September

Sexual Health Week 2019 runs from 16-22 September and [Brook](#), the young people's sexual health charity, will be running the campaign, in conjunction with Mencap. The theme this year is '[relationships, sex and disability](#)'.

Brook believes that every young person should have equal access to quality relationships and sex education, sexual health services and wellbeing support. Relationships and sex education (RSE) in schools will become mandatory in 2020, but we can do more to ensure that RSE is truly inclusive and that we can have more open conversations about relationships, sex and pleasure, which are often seen as taboo subjects. This can sometimes be more stigmatised when discussing these issues with people with disabilities, including learning disabilities.

Through sexual health week, Brook and Mencap will be leading the way in normalising the conversations around sex and disability and supporting professionals to better equip the people they work with.

You can find out more about [sexual health week](#) and find links to useful resources around relationships, sex and disability, aimed at people of all ages, as well as for professionals.

InformationNOW has articles on sexual health and sex in later life.

Newcastle strives to be a sexually health city and there is [advice](#) and [training](#) available. This includes free training on a range of sexual health issues, including a course on Learning Disability and Sexual Health.

New on InformationNOW:

[The LGBT Federation](#)

[Parents Enquiry North East](#)

[Northern Lights Metropolitan Community Church](#)

Events

Bi-visibility day is on 23rd September. Also known as International Celebrate Bisexuality Day, has been marked each year since 1999 to highlight biphobia and to help people find the bisexual community. MESMAC has [information](#) available.

Parks, Gardens and Allotments

In July this year, Newcastle Parks and Allotments Trust, campaigners and Newcastle City Council launched their campaign for the city to become a national park city. This isn't so much an award as a plan to work with residents, partners and visitors to enjoy the great outdoors and spend time in green spaces, creating relationships between people, wildlife and habitats.

'Everyone can play a role in helping Newcastle become a National Park City, from gardening and planting at home to volunteering their time to help maintain our parks and allotments. It's about communities across the city working together to embrace nature, making Newcastle greener and healthier.' Tony Durcan OBE, Assistant Director of Transformation at Newcastle City Council

InformationNOW has a range of [volunteering opportunities in the parks](#) as well as information about [gardening](#). Search by type on the events and activities section.

Interested in an allotment? Visit the [Newcastle Allotment Working Group](#) website.

Newcastle Allotment and Garden Fete 2019, Sunday 15th September 11.00 ? 5.00 pm at Leazes Park, Newcastle

Get involved in your local park - Friends of Nunsmoor Park manage the Bike Garden and regular litter picks.

Have a look on Facebook for groups that you could join.

InformationNOW has an article on local and regional [parks and gardens](#)

Jobs and careers

Are you looking for your first job, a change of job or a new career. The autumn is a great time to see what is on offer. We are giving you plenty of notice to get your CV in order, line up your referees and review your portfolio of achievements.

There are graduate job fairs - look at the [Newcastle University website](#) or [Northumbria University website](#).

Skills North East is on 17 and 18 September at Utilita Arena. Find out more about careers, jobs and apprenticeships.

YHN are running a jobs fair with some of the biggest employers and training providers in the region. Thursday 26 September, 10 - 12.30 pm; Ring 0191 277 3667 or [email](#) to

book your place. [Find out more](#) about the range of YHN jobs and the benefits of joining them.

YHN also run [computer training and support sessions](#) at the City Library.

A more general jobs fair is taking place on Wednesday 23 October at the Assembly Rooms. Find out more and check which employers will be present.

InformationNOW has an article on [Looking for Work](#) with useful organisations listed.

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