

You are invited to come to “A Chance to Chat” with other people who have lived experience of Autism. Please see the attached sheet which outlines the locations that have been chosen and 2020’s Spring Term dates.

If you have any questions, please see the FAQ’s, or alternatively contact me on worcestershire@nas.org.uk

**Beryl Curtis
Branch Chair**

What times are the “A Chance to Chat”?

10.30am – 11.30am Of course you are free to turn up and leave whenever you want.

What is the cost?

There is no cost involved, drinks and cakes are available to buy at all the cafes chosen.

What will happen?

“A Chance to Chat” are not meetings. They are set up for you to meet others, and chat. I will be there, but only to listen to concerns that you may have, or to follow through on anything that you want from the Branch.

Will it be private?

We will not have exclusive use of the cafes, and so members of the public may also be sitting at tables having a tea or coffee, however in selecting of the right venues, we have tried to use those which are not too cramped. Many have a quiet room that can be used if you want to talk in private.

Could we meet more often than once a month?

Yes, but we do not have enough volunteers to be at more than two “A Chance to Chat” sessions each week. There is nothing stopping you from meeting by yourselves without the volunteer present.

Why have the cafes on the list been chosen? What can we do about selecting a different café in the area?

The cafes have been chosen for a number of reasons. Firstly, four are community based, supporting disabled adults gain work experience (Malvern, Kidderminster, Redditch and Evesham) which is a good reason for selecting them. The cafés chosen in Droitwich, Bromsgrove and Pershore were selected because of their locations in the centre of the towns. The Environmental Centre in Worcester was chosen because of its ethos.

Cafes which are part of larger chains were generally not chosen as their prices are generally higher.

I am aware, however, that you know your area better than me so if you would like to choose another venue for next term, please let me know by February Half Term, so that it can be changed for publication of the Summer Term plan.

Is it OK for us to pass on the information about the “A Chance to Chat” sessions to others?

Of course! Please pass the message on. We will spread the message through Social Media, E-mail, Schools, and anywhere else that you think we could advertise. Please pass the word on, and remember to include those people who seem quite nervous about going to something they are unsure of.

The chart only shows the Spring Term, what will happen after that?

I am planning to organise another term’s dates after February half term but will not publicise these in case you recommend any changes of venue. Please note that “A Chance to Chat” will only run during school term times.

"A CHANCE TO CHAT" SPRING TERM 2020	Venue Address	January	February	March	April
DROITWICH 1 st Tuesday in each month	Muffin Break Unit 66, St Andrews Square Shopping Centre Droitwich WR9 8HE	7 th January	4 th February	3 rd March	
KIDDERMINSTER 1 st Thursday in each month	Rees Café 1-3 Exchange Street Kidderminster DY10 1BT	2 nd January No meeting	6 th February	5 th March	2 nd April
MALVERN 2 nd Tuesday in each month	H20, Wyche Innovation Centre Upper Colwall Malvern WR13 6PL	14 th January	11 th February	10 th March	END OF TERM No meeting
EVESHAM 2 nd Thursday in each month	Working World, Wallace House Community Centre Oat Street Evesham WR11 4PJ	9 th January	13 th February	12 th March	
PERSHORE 3 rd Tuesday in each month	Baristas Café and Bar 5 Royal Arcade, Broad Street Pershore WR10 1AG	21 st January	18 th February Half Term No meeting	17 th March	
BROMSGROVE 3 rd Thursday in each month	Bromsgrove Methodist Church Centre Coffee Shop 19 Stratford Road Bromsgrove B60 1AS	16 th January	20 th February Half Term No meeting	19 th March	
WORCESTER 4 th Tuesday in each month	Worcester Pump House Environment Centre Waterworks Road Worcester WR1 3EZ	28 th January	25 th February	24 th March	
REDDITCH 4 th Thursday in each month	Rees Café 13 Church Road Redditch B97 4AB	23 rd January	27 th February	26 th March	

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