# **Bury Social Opportunities Service**Community breaks, skill based learning & participation

Greater Manchester





#### Social opportunities for Children with disabilities

We offer short breaks for children with disabilities, in addition to skills-based programmes and supported participation in the community.





We work in partnership with Bury Council to provide short breaks in the community during term time and school holidays for children with disabilities.

Our most vital relationships are with parents and children. Through training and support our staff are able to meet the unique and individual needs of the children.

At the moment, this service can only support children and young people who have been referred to us by their social worker.

The contribution that parent/carers make toward activities is essential for us to be able to offer a range of experiences. A small financial contribution is requested to cover the cost of activities.

#### Want to know more?

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# Skills-based learning

We work in partnership with Bury Council to provide short breaks in the community during term time and school holidays for children with disabilities.

During term time, we provide activities in the Elton and Sunnybank areas in the evenings and on the weekend. Children can have fun, learn new skills, and make new friends.

During school holidays, depending on the time of year (and, of course, the weather), children may be involved in activities at Bury Athletics Track, or they could be going on community outings like bowling, swimming, theatre and much more.



We help children build their confidence and independence outside their usual education. From first aid to animal care, we equip disabled children and young people with the skills they need for independent living. Support is provided by our experienced team and accreditations are awarded at the end.

We get to meet our friends and have a break from being at home. It's fun. 

Max (aged 12)



# **Participation support**

Children are allocated a 'buddy' to give them extra confidence and support to take part in community activities. We want to see disabled children included in activities like swim

clubs, forest schools, and much more. So we help community leaders understand their needs to enable them to participate.

# Safe and happy childhood



Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives.

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