

SCOOP:

Your questions answered



Q. What is SCOOP?

A. SCOOP stands for 'Social Community Options and Opportunities for People'. It's our new social club for young people and adults with any kind of disability.

Q. How old do you need to be to attend?

A. It's open to anyone aged 16 and over.

Q. What kind of things can you do at SCOOP?

A. You can do arts and crafts, nail art, colouring, board games, play pool, table football, make jewellery, chill in the sensory room/snoezelen, listen to music, sing on the karaoke, take part in pampering/relaxation, play instruments, cook, dance, watch TV, play on the Xbox Kinect, play sports, and much more! We also might go out and about in the community, depending on the weather!

There will be free choice from 10am to 1pm, lunch from 1pm to 2pm, and then in the afternoon there will be a 'main event' activity/workshop that everyone can take part in, if you choose to. There will be a monthly programme of 'main events' available and will include activities such as boot camp (exercise and fitness), cinema club, drumming, singing, photography, and much more. We will set each month's programme according to what people tell us they want to do.

Q. What day(s) is it open?

A. At the moment, we are piloting the service on Sundays to see if there is enough interest. If we get the demand, we might also open on Saturdays in the future. We are now taking names of people who are interested and their preferred day(s).

Q. What time does it start and finish?

A. We open at 10am and close at 5pm. You can come any time between these hours.

Q. How much does it cost?

A. It's just £30 for a full day or £15 for a half day. There is no charge for your PAs/support worker (if you have one). You can pay on the day, or we will send you an invoice every four weeks.

Q. What about lunch and drinks?

A. You can bring your own sandwiches or microwave meal, or you can join our lunch club and pay £5 for a main meal, dessert and drinks. You can also buy cans and bottles of soft drink for 50p and other tuck shop items (crisps and snacks).

Q. Can I use my direct payment or personal budget to pay for SCOOP?

A. Yes, but you need to get this agreed by your broker/social worker beforehand. Your broker/social worker can talk to us about booking a flexible weekend package at SCOOP to suit your individual needs. For example, attending every week, two weekends a month, or just coming along for half days.

Q. If I need a PA/support worker, do I need to bring them along?

A. Yes – if you need either 1:1 or 2:1 support. This is because we will have one staff member to every four people who just need minimum (group) support. To begin with we can't provide 1:1 or 2:1 support, but this might change in the future if enough people want to attend and on a regular basis.

Q. Are there changing facilities on site?

A. Yes, we have a hygiene suite with changing bed and a hoist.

Q. Is parking available?

A. Yes, we have approx. 12 parking spaces on the car park, plus there is lots of space on the road at the side of our building.

Q. When does the service begin?

A. We plan to pilot the service for one month, starting on **Sunday, 3 May 2015**, but before that there will be a FREE taster afternoon on Sunday, 26 April for everyone who has expressed an interest.

After the initial month, we will review how things have gone and whether or not we have enough people attending to make the service sustainable. The intention is not to make a big profit, but just cover our overheads and pay staff.

GOING FORWARD:

Q. Do I have to attend every week? How flexible is the service?

A. For most of us, our weekends are more flexible than our week days and we like to have more choices. It is our intention to set SCOOP up to reflect this. However, to create a great service that can continue and is self-sustainable, we still have to plan ahead, pay staff and overheads. So this is what we are proposing:

- We will run a free taster afternoon of SCOOP on **Sunday, 26 April 2015 from 1pm to 5pm.**
- At the end of the free taster session, you will need to decide if you would like to sign up for the pilot month and commit to attend (and pay) for the minimum number of sessions within this pilot month (currently two half days, which is £30). This means that you would need to pay a minimum of £30 every four weeks, even if you don't attend. You can attend for as many days as you like in the pilot month, but the minimum charge would be £30. You can pay when you attend, or we will invoice you at the end of four weeks.
- If there is enough interest to continue with Sunday SCOOP, you will also need to be a member to attend in future and annual membership will cost £15. You can pay this in instalments or in one go, but it will need to be paid within 4 weeks of your start date.

If you have any other questions or wish to book for the taster session, please give us a ring on **01942 735426** or email **info.mtwadvoc@gmail.com**