

Guest briefing from Chantelle and Trustees Leanne and Lou from Send4All

- Chantelle founded the group and is a peer educator, works with Autism Central through ECC, she is a Trustee of Myotas they have written a book on SEND called Supporting your Neurodiverse Child. All three spoke passionately about their parenting experiences and the paucity of services for neurodiverse children. They pointed out some of the challenges they face sometimes parents just need transport to get to events, some get isolated with home-schooling, some children with conditions such as Autism and those with Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA), face anxiety about direct commands. We learned that Send4All is a charity formed to support SEND Children and their families in SWF and the Dengie, and lobby for improved services. 'SEND in the Dengie' is a separate organisation is run by Tara. Send4All has a Facebook page with 386 members and Tik Tok account @send4all with 1070 members.
- The Essex County Council website has details: <https://send.essex.gov.uk/search-support-groups-and-activities/send-4-all> and describes the group as a parent/carer support group offering advice and signposting to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).
- How Send4All can help: - Send4All offers support, advice and signposting for parents and carers. It's all about empowerment and encouragement. They work with Barnardo's, Jean Allen at Curry Farm, and other organisations such as Knightswood hub, Ormiston Children's Centre, to host events or activities. INTERACT brings a bus to the Dengie to take children out.
- Ideally, they would like a permanent home in Burnham, and are campaigning for a SEND Special School in the District. They run a number of inclusive activities for children and young people with SEND. These include weekly and monthly parent/carer support groups monthly evening parent/carer support group, SEND library for neurodiverse children, weekly SEND Sensory session, arts and crafts sessions for Send children 0-25. Open to all, no diagnosis needed. Contact Send4All by email.
- There are to 15 or so families in Burnham, 156 altogether across the Dengie. They send a newsletter to every SENCO in the schools. Send4All campaign for rights, activities for siblings, and apprenticeships because only 22% will go into full time education.