

## Christmas FUEL Programme update Briefing Note No. 23 - 35

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We wanted to provide you with an update on the FUEL Programme, which will be supporting eligible families during the Christmas holidays.

### Background

Our Holiday Activity and Food programme, FUEL (Food, Unity, Energy and Laughter) is funded by the Department for Education and provides children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals with free access to activity, food and nutritional education during school holidays.

Following a challenging summer, which saw our main provider cease trading, Wiltshire Council worked with a range of organisations to ensure families didn't miss out. More than 1,300 young people took part in the summer programme and nearly 10,000 nutritious meals were provided. A total of 16 organisations delivered 27 camps during the summer programme, providing activities throughout the county. A variety of activities were provided including multi-sports, farmyard experiences, gymnastics, outdoor learning, performing arts and photography.

### Christmas 2023 programme

We are delighted to be working with most of the activity providers from the summer and will be offering 19 activity camps during the Christmas holidays, including two specifically for children with SEND.

The providers are:

- PH Sports
- Dayla Equine Assisted Learning and Monksley Ltd
- Elevation X Ltd
- UK S Futures
- Revolution Performing Arts Ltd
- The Pound Arts Trust Ltd
- Seeds4Success
- Magna Learning Partnership
- Sam Ivin Photography
- West Wilts Gymnastics and Fitness
- Next Thing Education Ltd
- Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team

The Christmas school holiday dates this year have meant that we needed to split our activity dates across two separate weeks, presenting additional challenges for providers and venues. We will not be able to offer activities in the Amesbury and Tidworth areas at Christmas due to these challenges. However, some positive links have been made with providers and venues in these areas and we hope that we will be able to reinstate activities in both towns in the future.

Programme timetable:

Organisation	Town	Venue	Dates
UK Futures	Bradford-on-Avon	Youth and Community Centre	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
ElevationX Ltd	Calne	Calne Leisure Centre	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
PH Camps	Chippenham	Olympiad Leisure Centre	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
Revolution Performing Arts Ltd	Chippenham	Olympiad Leisure Centre	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
The Pound Arts Trust Ltd	Corsham	The Pound Arts Centre	Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
SEND FUEL Camp	Corsham	Springfield Community Campus	Thursday 21 December
ElevationX Ltd	Devizes	Devizes Leisure Centre	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
Revolution Performing Arts Ltd	Malmesbury	Riverside Community Centre	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
ElevationX Ltd	Marlborough	Marlborough Leisure Centre	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January

Revolution Performing Arts Ltd	Marlborough	Marlborough Leisure Centre	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
PH Sports	Melksham	Melksham Community Campus	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
Seeds4Success	Mere	Youth Centre	Monday 18 December Wednesday 20 December Friday 29 December
ElevationX Ltd	Royal Wootton Bassett	Lime Kiln Leisure Centre	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
Revolution Performing Arts Ltd	Royal Wootton Bassett	Lime Kiln Leisure Centre	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
Magna Learning Partnership	Salisbury	Sarum Academy	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December
Sam Ivin Photography	Salisbury	The Young Gallery	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December
SEND FUEL Camp	Salisbury	Sarum Academy	Friday 22 December
Dayla Equine Assisted Learning & Monksley Ltd	Trowbridge	Rode Common Farm	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
PH Camps	Trowbridge	St Augustine's Catholic College	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January
West Wilts Gymnastics and Fitness	Trowbridge	Brice House	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December
Next Thing Education Ltd	Warminster	The Avenue School	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December
Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team	Westbury	Brokerswood	Thursday 21 December Friday 22 December Tuesday 2 January Wednesday 3 January

Activities for individuals with SEND will take place in Corsham and Salisbury.

## **Booking a place**

Unlike the summer, which saw families having to email different providers to book a place, requests for activities can now be made and managed in one place, using our Citizen ID system.

Families can register for Citizen ID by following this link <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/login>. It will also be possible to register for Citizen ID at the same time as making requests for places on activities.

If people already have a Citizen ID account, which is used by a variety of council services, then they can simply use their existing log-in details. This method ensures people can book onto the programme and manage their bookings much more simply.

The booking system is now open and will remain so until 8 December 2023.

People should visit <https://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/fuelprogramme> to request a place.

## **More information**

If you would like more information, please visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/FUEL-programme>.

If the information you want can't be found on the webpage, please feel free to email [fuelprogramme@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:fuelprogramme@wiltshire.gov.uk)