

## **Good to know:**

1) Little Hands Sing and Sign playgroup Deaf Direct is re-launching Little Hands playgroup in partnership with Sing and Sign. The group will be the first Thursday of the month 10.30- 11.30am. For more information visit:

[www.deafdirect.org.uk](http://www.deafdirect.org.uk)

2) Housing support Housing support in Worcestershire is provided to young people and families living in supported accommodation and floating support to those living in other accommodation (e.g. private rented or housing association). Housing support is delivered by St Basils, Worcestershire YMCA, Fortis Living and Bromford. Floating support is delivered by a number of providers and can be accessed through the Basement Project in Bromsgrove. For more information and contact details for the above providers visit

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homelessness](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homelessness)

3) Ourside Youth Centre, Evesham Ourside provides a safe and welcoming space for anyone aged 11 to 19, offering open access sessions alongside targeted youth work. Sessions running each week support with; mental health, sexual health advice, careers advice, drugs and substance awareness or just a friendly face. For more information visit [www.ourside.org.uk](http://www.ourside.org.uk)

4) SEND Local Offer Worcestershire County Council has been working with the parent carer forum Families in Partnership, as well as health and education partners, to re-design the SEND Local Offer. This is a website that provides information about what support and services families can expect to be available across education, health and social care in Worcestershire for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, and their families. This includes directories of groups and activities for children and young people and support groups for parent carers as well as information about what support schools should be providing (known as the Graduated Response). Access the SEND Local Offer via [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SENDlocaloffer](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SENDlocaloffer)

5) Support with home heating The Warmer  
Worcestershire Network has received funding from the National Grid Warm Homes Fund to provide 150 first time gas central heating systems. To be eligible for the funding there must be no existing central heating at the applicant's property and they must be in receipt of qualifying benefits. To apply, call freephone 0800 988 2881 or email [advice@actonenergy.org.uk](mailto:advice@actonenergy.org.uk)

Low income households may also be eligible for support with broken gas central heating, energy advice and plug-in heaters. Frontline staff can also get training to provide hints and tips when visiting residents at home. Visit [www.warmerworcestershire.com](http://www.warmerworcestershire.com) to find out more