

### Who we are?

Daytrippers was the brainchild of one parent who had two young children one of whom has severe disabilities.

Having a day out as a family was a nightmare with an active four year old and a child with disabilities. The day usually ended in tears with their visit having to be cut short due to her child with disabilities having a seizure or becoming unwell. This led to the family feeling very isolated.

Gradually getting to know other parents and carers of children with disabilities made her realise that she was not alone and that abandoned days out and isolation were a common occurrence.

With this in mind she set about looking at ways to improve the situation she found herself in and decided to book a session at space, a special needs soft play/sensory centre and asked other like families if they would like to go. This initial trip consisted of 4 carers, 5 children and was self-funded. After the success of that trip she approached several parents and carers with a view to setting up a management committee and Daytrippers was born.



### Our Aim

The initial aim of Daytrippers was to be able to provide a day out during each school holiday for children with severe physical and/or learning disabilities, their families and/or carers who often because of the child's special needs become very isolated.

### Where we are today.

Our numbers have continued to grow year after year, we currently have over 150 families who regularly attend our outings and activities. Although we do charge a fee for our outings and activities this only covers around 30% of the true cost and therefore we need to find the other 70% via our own fundraising initiatives and applying for grants.

Over the past few years we have been very fortunate to receive some of this funding via grants from Bolton Council but with government cutbacks the amount of this funding has significantly reduced, we still rely on many donations and charity events which we are truly grateful.

True to its roots and despite its growth, Daytrippers remains a purely volunteer run community group providing self help and support to any family in Bolton that has a child with a disability.

All the trustees and management of Daytrippers are also parents or carers of a child with disabilities.

### How can you help?

We have been given a great opportunity to raise funds for our charity whilst giving **YOU**, our supporters the opportunity to win cash prizes. Plus for every £1 you pay we receive 70% back to fund our services.

## **JOIN TODAY AND HELP US**

### If you need us

If you feel we could help you or someone you know please visit our website or get in touch.

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