



## Information, advice and support for parents of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities



## in Brighton and Hove

A small local charity making a **big** difference

تعمل "أمايز" AMAZE مع آباء الأطفال ذوي الاحتياجات الخاصة. إذا كنت بحاجة إلى معلومات بلغتك، يرجى وضع علامة في هذا المربع و إعادة هذه الصفحة لنا مع تفاصيل الإتصال الخاصة بك.

Arabic □

AMAZE (এমাইজ) বিশেষ ধরনের বিভিন্ন প্রয়োজনীয়তা রয়েছে এমন বাচ্চাদের পিতা-মাতাদের সঙ্গে কাজ করে। আপনি যদি নিজের ভাষায় তথ্যাদি পেতে চান, তবে দয়া করে নিম্নোক্ত বক্সে টিক চিহ্ন দিয়ে আপনার সঙ্গে যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা সহকারে আমাদের নিকট ফেরৎ পাঠান।

Bengali □

AMAZE با والدینی که فرزندان نیازهای ویژه دارد کار می کند. اگر شما به اطلاعات به زبان خودتان نیاز مندید، خواهشمندیم شکل مربع را علامت زده و این قسمت از صفحه را به همراه مشخصات تماس تان به ما ارسال نمایند.

Farsi □

AMAZE 与有特殊需求之孩童的父母一起努力。如果你须要用你的母语所写的信息，请在这个方格打勾并附上你的联络细节交回这张单子给我们。

Mandarin □

AMAZE pracuje z rodzicami dzieci specjalnej troski. Jeżeli chcesz uzyskać informacje w języku polskim, prosimy zaznaczyć to okienko, wpisać swoje dane kontaktowe i wysłać do nas tą ulotkę.

Polish □

O AMAZE proporciona um serviço de apoio aos pais de crianças com necessidades especiais. Para obtenção de informações no seu idioma preferido, assinale a quadrícula e devolva-nos este impresso com os seus dados de contacto.

Portuguese □

**Amaze Helpline: 01273 772289**

Open Mon to Thurs, 9.30am - 12 noon

Tuesdays 12 noon to 5.00pm and Thursdays 5.30pm - 8.00pm  
(term time only)

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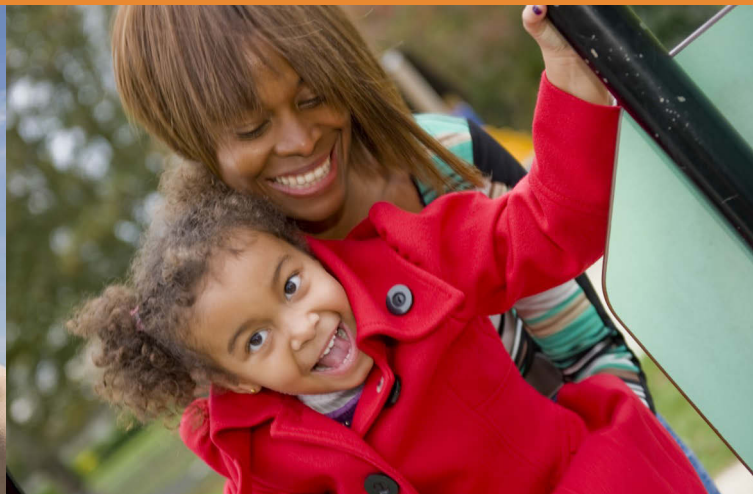
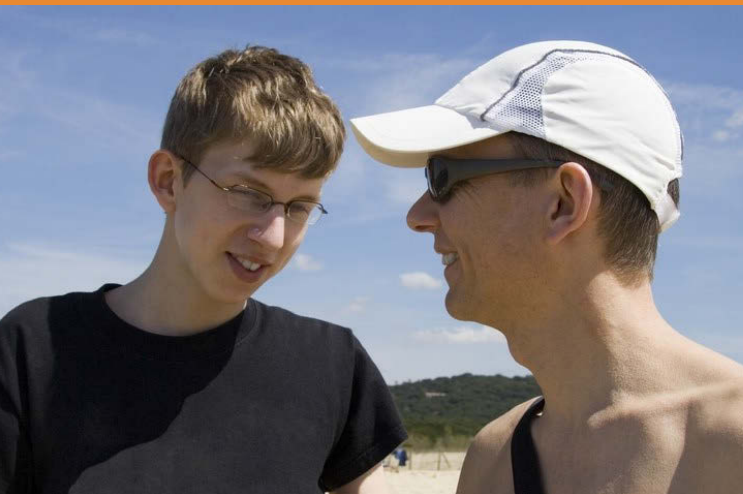
## About us

Amaze is a local charity that works with parents and carers of children and young people with disabilities and special educational needs in Brighton and Hove. We help parents get the best for their children aged 0 to 25.

Managed by a board of trustees made up of parents and professionals, Amaze has a small team of paid staff and around 30 trained volunteers. Our volunteers, many parents of children with SEN and disabilities themselves, play a crucial role in our organisation. If you'd like to find out about volunteering opportunities at Amaze, we'd love to hear from you. Just leave a message on our helpline.

Amaze gets funding from the local council and health service, as well as from charitable trusts and through our own fundraising. If you want to make a donation to Amaze, call the helpline or click the link on our website home page.





## Giving you a voice

We're committed to helping parents influence local services and policy-making. We participate in many consultation initiatives and support parents to take part. Amaze supports the PaCC (Parent Carers' Council), which has an increasingly important voice in local decision-making and is based at Amaze.

If you'd like to be part of the PaCC or just want to find out more, visit [www.paccbrighton.org.uk](http://www.paccbrighton.org.uk)

## The Amaze helpline

The 'front door' to our services, the helpline provides advice on topics including benefits, education, health, leisure and social care. It's open Monday to Thursday 9.30am till 12 noon. During term times, it's also open Tuesday afternoons 12 to 5pm and Thursday evenings 5.30 till 8pm. Leave a message on our voicemail and we'll call you back.

## Right information, right time

Amaze produces a wealth of information, including two handbooks, a range of factsheets, a termly newsletter and a regular e-bulletin. We also have an informative website at [www.amazebrighton.org.uk](http://www.amazebrighton.org.uk) and communicate via Facebook and Twitter.

## The Compass and Compass Card

Amaze manages 'The Compass', the city's disability register of children with significant additional needs aged 0 to 25. Compass data helps shape local services and all children on The Compass get a Compass Card, a free leisure incentive card which provides discounts and special offers across the city.

## Amaze courses and workshops

Our free courses and workshops provide practical help with the additional challenges parents can face in raising a child with special educational needs or disabilities. We also offer training for professionals.

## One to one help from Amaze

### Help with DLA

Our DLA (Disability Living Allowance) Project provides advice and hands-on help with DLA and PIP applications and other related benefits.

### Help with education and more

As the local **Information, Advice and Support Service** we help parents get the right support for their child in pre-school, school and further education. We can also give some one to one support on health and social care.

Our **Independent Support Service** offers extra individual help for parents AND young people during the process of getting an Education, Health and Care Plan.

### Planning for adulthood

Our Preparing for Adulthood volunteers can provide support to parents of teenagers to help their young people make a smoother transition to adulthood. We also run information sessions and hold regular 'Parents with Teens' get-togethers.

