

# 1Voice Newsletter

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## Happy Easter



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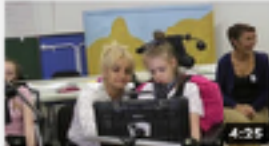
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Did you know we have a You Tube channel?

Its called "1voicemovies"

We're hoping to start adding some new content to our channel, but in the meanwhile they're are some fabulous 'golden oldies' to enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzyzdrE-hAi6AFyA8vUzgLg>

**ROLE MODEL LED  
EVENT**

24th April

**NEW FAMILY EVENT**

18th June

**NATIONAL WEEKEND**

29th to 31st July

## Online role model led event

Sunday 24 April, 2pm to 4pm

Join us for some role model led AAC activities. There will be activities suitable for all levels of communication.

Meet some of our role models.

Find out more about our role model programme.

Have the opportunity to tell us what you want.



To receive the meeting link, please email [events@1voice.info](mailto:events@1voice.info) or telephone 07943 618525



## National Residential Weekend

29 to 31 July 2022

There is still time to book a place at our summer festival. For full information and to book take a look on our website <https://www.1voice.info/news-events/national-residential-weekend>

## National Lottery Awards For All

We're delighted to have secured a grant of £9,787 from the National Lottery towards funding our National Residential Weekend. Grants such as this enable us to massively subsidise the cost of the weekend to our members. Our sincere thanks to The National Lottery Awards For All team.

## NRW New Family Event (Online) - 18th June

It's been a while since we've been able to meet up in person, so we thought giving our new families and our existing families a chance to meet up before the National Residential Weekend would be a good thing to do. If you're booked on the weekend we'll be touch with details nearer to the time, but for now, save the date!

## Good To Know

It can be tricky to find accessible activities, but one of great strengths of 1Voice is the fabulous pool of knowledge we have across our families. Personally, I've always found other parents to be a wonderful source of knowledge and information. With that in mind we'd like to start a new newsletter section called 'Good To Know' where AAC users, parents, carers and professionals can share information on their best and favourite finds.

So please send any your ideas, tips & tricks, and links to [info@1Voice.info](mailto:info@1Voice.info)

## Good To Know... Horse Riding with the RDA

RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association) have been a treasured find for us. My son, Ewan, has been riding with the RDA since he was 7. I remember that first session where his head was lay across the horse's mane for the whole time. Now he sits so proudly, with plenty of support from Dad still, but head definitely held high. The physical benefits for him have been huge, but so much more than that the friendships formed and being outside enjoying something he loves means the world.

<https://www.rda.org.uk>



## Christmas Event

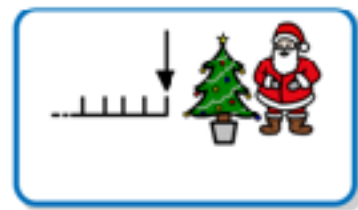
30 individuals/families joined in the festive fun at our online Christmas party back at the beginning of December.



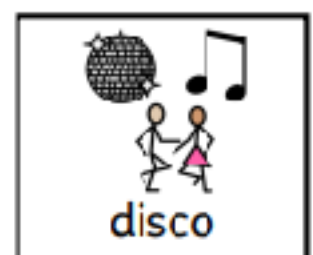
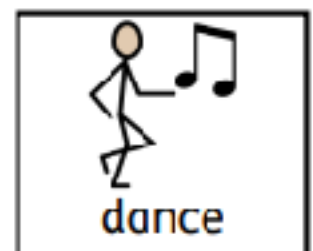
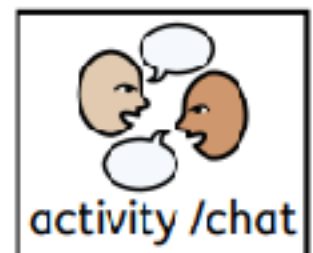
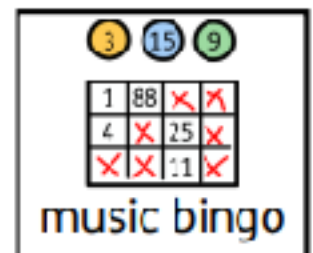
It was great to see some new faces joining in a 1Voice event for the first time. The many Christmas jumpers and accessories really added to the party atmosphere. The event got off to a fun start with a round of Christmas themed rock n' roll bingo.



We used Widgit Online to make a symbol version of the song tracks to ensure as many people as possible could access the activity.



We then split into groups. Those more confident in their use of AAC enjoyed catching up with friends and having a chat. Those less confident and/or relatively new to AAC took part in a more structured activity. The young people enjoyed sharing their favourite Christmas cracker jokes and sharing their Christmas wish.



*"Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? – A mince spy!!"*

Everyone then got back together and had a great time joining in with a festive dance led by one of our role models, Jodie.

DJ Oli, another one of our role models, rounded off the event with some Christmas tunes to ensure everyone left full of Christmas cheer.

Thank you to everyone who came. We also want to say a big thank you to all our volunteers, without whom, we would not be able to run these type of events.

## Smooth-Talker Loans

Several AAC users have recently borrowed Smooth-Talkers which we have available for loan.

Pretorian Technologies kindly donated some of these fantastic bits of kit to 1Voice so we have been able to mail these out to members who have applied. Smooth-Talkers let you record multiple messages and are great for helping develop motivation, giving a sense of success with communication and for offering an alternative means of communication in situations where it might be difficult to use your usual device, like the bathroom or bedroom. It can be used to support a particular skill, like turn-taking, initiative, relaying messages or enable users to play games, join in telling stories or presentations. We have already been able to loan these out, free of charge, to some families and individuals in care home settings, and still have a few remaining.



Get in touch at [1voice-admin@1voice.info](mailto:1voice-admin@1voice.info) if you would like to borrow one or two.

Each pack contains a Smooth-Talker, a how-to-guide and an ideas pack with inspirations for activities to try. You can plug in a second switch if you have one, or borrow two smooth-talkers if you don't.



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