

As a parent you want the best for your child. Sometimes this can mean making difficult decisions and choices about their schooling. You may worry that you do not have all the information you need. Parents can feel very unsure about their rights and, at other times, may not know how to approach the school or the teachers.

If you need advice and information, we, the organisations in the Islington Education Advice Network, may be able to help. We are all **independent**.

Islington Education Advice Network

members advise parents on many issues that may affect children's schooling, including

- choosing a school
- appealing for a school place
- difficulties with learning and behaviour (Special Educational Needs – SEN)
- bullying
- exclusions (expulsion and suspension)
- racism, disability discrimination and much more.

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Free advice packs for parents

The Advisory Centre for Education (ACE) has free advice packs which help Islington parents who are experiencing difficulties, to help themselves.

If you live in Islington, or if your child goes to school in Islington ring:

**ACE Islington Information Line
020 7704 2776**

Leave a message with your name and address and say which pack(s) you would like:

- Appealing for a School Place
- Special Educational Needs
- Fixed Period (short term) Exclusion
- Permanent Exclusion
- Bullying
- Attendance (difficulties with)
- Applying for a School

**You can also download packs from
www.ace-ed.org.uk/islington**

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Worried about problems at school?

Need independent advice and support?

**Islington
Education
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Network**

If you have a concern about your child's education and need confidential advice and information, one of the organisations below may be able to help

These organisations form the Islington Education Advice Network

General

Islington Law Centre
161 Hornsey Road
London N7 6DU
☎ 020 7697 1477
Adviser available Monday–Thursday 9.30–5.30

We advise any parent or student who lives, works or studies in Islington. We also act as advocates on exclusions and at the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal. Telephone advice sessions held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10am to 12 noon.

ACE (Advisory Centre for Education)
☎ 0808 800 5793
(telephone advice only)
☎ 020 7704 9822
(for exclusions)
website: www.ace-ed.org.uk
for free information to download. Also a parent's forum to share advice and support.
Dedicated line for Islington callers is 020 7704 2776, for access to free publications to be sent out.

Special Educational Needs

Centre 404 Family Support
404 Camden Road
London N7 0SJ
☎ 020 7607 8762
email: centre404@hotmail.com

We advise, support and advocate for parents of children with learning difficulties. We also run social activities e.g. Family Outings and Fundays.

Elfrida Rathbone Advocacy Project
7 Dowdney Close
Bartholomew Road
London NW5 2BP
☎ 0845 310 2977

We provide free independent advice and information for parents and families of children with special educational needs. We support them from the point at which SEN needs are identified, through to a SENDIST hearing if necessary. We also provide support over exclusions from school. Phone to make an appointment, hours 9am–5pm.

Community organisations

Kokayi Supplementary School
12 Woodfall Road
London N4 3JB
☎ 020 7686 9507
email: kokayischool@aol.co.uk

We advise African and African Caribbean parents over the phone and face-to-face. We also act as advocates.

Islington Chinese Association

21 Hatchard Road
London N19 1NG
☎ 020 7263 5986

We advise Chinese parents over the phone and face-to-face on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

CARILA Latin American Welfare Group

6–9 Manor Gardens
London N7 6LA
☎ 0808 800 0540,
available 10am–12 noon
email: carila@carila.org.uk

We advise Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking parents over the phone and face-to-face. We see parents by appointment.

Supplementary school runs every Saturday 11am–1pm.

Minik Kardes Day Nursery
53–55 Balls Pond Road
London N1 4BW
☎ 020 7923 7226

We advise Turkish-Kurdish and Turkish Cypriot parents over the phone and face-to-face. We also act as advocates.

Day-mer Community Centre

16 Howard Road
London N16 8PR
☎ 020 7275 8440

We advise Turkish-Kurdish parents by phone and face-to-face.

Eritrean Community in UK

266–268 Holloway Road
London N7 6NE
☎ 020 7700 7995

We advise parents mainly face-to-face but also on the phone. We also run relevant workshops and seminars for parents.

Iranian Community Centre

266/268 Holloway Road
London N7 6NE
☎ 020 7700 0477
email: iraniancommunityoutreach@yahoo.co.uk

We advise Iranian parents over the phone and face-to-face. 'Drop-in' Monday and Wednesday 10am–12 noon and 2pm–4pm. Other days advice over the telephone.

Arachne Greek Cypriot Women's Group

13/15 Hercules Street
London N7 6AT
☎ 020 7263 6231/6336

email: info@arachne-group.org

We advise women of Greek Cypriot origin over the phone and face-to-face. We also act as advocates. 'Drop-in' from 10am–2pm Monday and Wednesday.

Islington Somali Community

225–229 Seven Sisters Road
London N4 2DAJ
☎ 020 7272 0550

We advise Somali parents over the phone and face-to-face. We also act as advocates. 'Drop-in' 10am–5pm Monday to Friday.

The Caraf Centre

27–30 Cheriton
Queens Crescent
London NW5 4EZ
☎ 020 7284 0030

We advise African and African Caribbean parents and others by phone and face-to-face. We also act as advocates and provide educational workshops for parents.

The Islington Bangladeshi Association

71 Caledonian Road
London N1 9BT
☎ 020 7833 2608

We offer Bangladeshi parents/carers advice by phone or face-to-face. We can also arrange home visits.

Congolese Community Council

86 Durham Road
London N7 7DU
☎ 020 7561 7480

Serving Congolese and other French-speaking refugee and asylum seeker families. Advice by appointment only.

Hoxton Trust Legal Advice Service

156 Hoxton Street
London N1 6SH
☎ 020 7613 4174

We offer drop in advice sessions on Mondays and Thursdays from 10.30am–12.30pm. Appointments can be made for longer/ongoing difficulties. We can also offer representation to parents when appealing exclusions and about special educational needs.