



AFRIKINDNESS NEURODIVERSITY COMMUNITY PROGRAMME (ANCP)

DROP-IN SESSION

Programme Overview

The **Afrikindness Neurodiversity Community Programme** is designed to support families of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Our team of neurodiversity team is available every **Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:00 pm** for a **free one-on-one support session**. This session provides a safe and supportive space for parents to discuss their concerns, access reliable information, and receive guidance on navigating available resources.

Services Offered

Our Neurodiversity Team is here to help parents and caregivers with:

- Understanding what support and help is available for children with SEND.
- Accessing quality information and resources.
- Signposting to relevant support services.
- Assisting with form completion and applications for funding and grants.
- Navigating the complexities of SEND support and building parental confidence.
- Preparing for meetings, reviewing EHCP plans, and understanding official letters.
- Offering emotional support and guidance tailored to each family's needs.

Understanding Your Drop-in Session Support

Our **Afrikindness Neurodiversity Drop-in Sessions** provide **free, one-on-one support** to help parents navigate the complexities of raising children with special needs and disabilities. The chart below outlines the types of support available:

- ✓ Some services can be fully addressed during the drop-in session (e.g., accessing information, signposting, and emotional support).
- ✓ Other services may require further consultation for in-depth assistance (e.g., form completion, EHCP reviews, and navigating complex SEND processes).

Our goal is to **listen, guide, and empower parents** with the right tools and support. If additional consultation is needed beyond the session, we will discuss the next steps with you.

Afrikindness Neurodiversity Drop-in Session Support Chart

Support Services	Drop-in Session	Further Consultation Required
Understanding what support and help is available for children with SEND	✓	✗
Accessing quality information and resources	✓	✗
Signposting to relevant support services	✓	✗
Assisting with form completion and applications for funding and grants	✓	✓
Navigating the complexities of SEND support and building parental confidence	✓	✓
Preparing for meetings, reviewing EHCP plans, and understanding official letters	✓	✓
Offering emotional support and guidance tailored to each family's needs	✓	✗

✓ = Available in the drop-in session.

✓ = May require additional consultation

How It Works

- **Sessions are free to attend.**
- Parents must book a time slot via our [website](#) to attend a drop-in session.
- Complete the booking form via our website and provide as much detail as possible about the support you require. This will help our advisors better understand your needs and prepare to offer the most effective guidance and assistance during your session.
- Once the booking form is completed, you will receive an email with the meeting details including a zoom link.
- Each session lasts **30 minutes** and focuses on listening to parental concerns.
- Further consultation can be arranged if required.
- The session includes guidance, advice, signposting, and support tailored to individual needs.
- The sessions are culturally responsive, addressing the unique challenges faced by diverse families while helping parents navigate the complexities of raising children with special needs.

Booking essentials: - Click [LINK](#) to book a session



Booking Follow-up Sessions & Additional Support

If you require further support beyond the drop-in session, follow-up sessions can be booked directly with the Neurodiversity Advisor or by sending an email to info@afrikindness.org.

In cases where we need to engage external services on your behalf, you will be required to complete a Data Protection and Consent Form to ensure confidentiality and compliance with data protection regulations.

Important Information:

- **Follow-up sessions** are tailored to provide deeper guidance based on your specific needs.
- **Support is free**, but booking is required to secure your time slot.
- All discussions remain **confidential**, and we handle your information with care.

We're committed to helping parents navigate SEND complexities with confidence—**you're not alone!**

Feedback Survey

After attending the Afrikindness Neurodiversity Community Programme (ANCP) Drop-in Session, we kindly ask parents to complete a short feedback survey.

Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand the impact of our support, identify common challenges, and improve our services.

By sharing your experience, you enable us to tailor future sessions to better meet the needs of families like yours. The survey also allows us to track the effectiveness of the programme and advocate for better resources for ethnic minority families navigating SEND support.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey—it makes a real difference!

Neurodiversity Team



Dr Suzzie Oyakhire – Neurodiversity Champion Leeds

Dr Suzzie brings extensive experience in family support services, helping parents navigate educational systems and access the right resources for their children. She specializes in empowering families through advocacy and personalized guidance.



Blessing Ingyape – International Dyslexia Coach

Blessing is an international certified special needs educator, a dyslexia coach and founder of Dyslexia Help Africa. She holds a certification from the C.A.D.E.T Academy which covers the 13 disabilities in the individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Her expertise in communication, training and SEND policy ensures that parents receive practical, actionable advice.



Dr Vivian Okoye - Neurodiversity & Inclusion Lead

Dr Vivian is the Neurodiversity & inclusion lead at Afrikindness, a passionate advocate for neurodiversity and SEND awareness. She is a Neurodiversity & Inclusion Trainer (PPGCert) and a Practitioner working with autistic children. She has led multiple community initiatives supporting parents of neurodiverse children.



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The **Afrikindness Neurodiversity Community Programme (ANCP) Drop-in Session** is proudly funded by the [Leeds Community Foundation Sylvie Nunn Memorial Award](#), a grant dedicated to supporting community organisations working with underrepresented groups.

Through this initiative, we aim to empower families, bridge gaps in SEND support, and address challenges such as delayed autism diagnoses among African and diverse communities.

We are grateful for this support, which enables us to continue making a meaningful impact in the lives of families who need it most.

Read about the award here: - [Sylvie Nunn Memorial Award](#)



Disclaimer

The Afrikindness Neurodiversity Community Programme provides general guidance and support to families of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

While our team includes experienced professionals, we do **not provide legal, medical, psychological or therapeutic advice, nor do we provide diagnoses or formal assessments**. Any guidance or information shared during our sessions is for general informational purposes only and should not be considered a substitute for professional medical, legal, or educational advice.

Afrikindness strives to ensure that the information provided is accurate and up to date; however, we make no representations, warranties, or guarantees, whether express or implied, regarding the completeness, reliability, or applicability of such information. We do not accept any liability for decisions made or actions taken based on the information provided during our sessions.

We strongly encourage parents and guardians to seek appropriate professional advice where necessary. By participating in any Afrikindness session, attendees acknowledge that they do so at their own discretion and accept the terms of this disclaimer. Nothing in this disclaimer excludes or limits liability to the extent that it cannot be lawfully excluded under English law.

Terms & Conditions

1. Eligibility

- The drop-in sessions are open to parents and caregivers of children with SEND.
- Sessions are free but require pre-registration to secure a time slot.

2. Booking and Attendance

- Parents must book their session in advance.
- Each session is **limited to 30 minutes** to allow fair access to all participants.
- If further consultation is needed, follow-up sessions may be arranged.

3. Confidentiality

- Afrikindness respects the confidentiality of all discussions.
- No personal information will be shared without prior consent, except where required by law (e.g., safeguarding concerns).
- Read through our Privacy Policy here:- [Afrikindness Privacy Policy](#)

4. Code of Conduct

- Participants must engage respectfully and responsibly.
- Afrikindness reserves the right to refuse service to anyone displaying inappropriate or disruptive behaviour.

5. Limitations of Service

- The support provided is **informational and advisory only**.
- Afrikindness does not provide **legal representation, medical diagnosis, or financial assistance**.

6. Cancellations and Rescheduling

- If a parent cannot attend, they must notify Afrikindness as soon as possible.
- Missed sessions without prior notice may limit future bookings.

7. Liability

- Afrikindness is not liable for any consequences arising from the advice or information provided during the sessions.
- Parents are encouraged to verify information and seek professional consultation where needed.

By registering for and attending the Afrikindness Neurodiversity Community Programme Drop-in Session, participants agree to abide by these Terms & Conditions.

For further inquiries or for partnership, please contact us at info@afrikindness.org