

# NUMBER 6 DECEMBER GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

| MON   | TUES  | WED  | THUR   | FRI  | SAT  | SUN  |
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|   | <b>DROP IN: 1-7PM</b>   |  | <b>DROP IN: 1-7PM</b>  | <b>DROP IN: 1-5PM</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Colour Key:</b><br>Blue: at 24 Hill Street<br>Green: at 22 Hill Street<br>Orange: Online<br>Red: Out & About<br>Black: Borders Group | Abbreviations:<br><br>GASP: Gender Affirming Sports & Physical Activity.<br><br>TEam: Trans, Enby & More.       | Abbreviations Cont:<br><br>TTPRPG: Table Top Role Play Gaming.<br><br>YFN: Yarn, Fibre & Needlecraft.                        |  | 1<br>11 - 1 YFN<br>3-5 Young Men's Peer<br>4.30-7.30 TTRPG (One-Shots and Cyberpunk)<br>5.30-7 Wellbeing Group (16-24s)            | 2<br>11 – Christmas Market (Kim)<br>11-3 Drop-in (Karina)<br><br>1-3 Tech Club | 3<br>1-3 Supercube Karaoke (Andy)          |
| 4<br><br>5.30-7pm Peer Group 2  | 5<br><br>12-1.30 Parents Group 1<br><br>5.30-7 Young Women's Peer (16-24s)                                      | 6<br><br>1-3 Gaming Group<br>2.30 – 3.30 Art Group (Skype)<br>4 – 5.30 Peer Group 3<br>4.30 – 5 Tai Chi (Zoom)               | 7<br><br>11-12.30 Creative Writing Group 1<br>1 - 3 Girls Group<br>2 -4 Thursday Group<br>5.30-7 Polish Peer Group | 8<br><br>5.30-7 Wellbeing Group (16-24s)   | 9<br><br>10 – Blackford Hill walk (Tim)  | 10<br><br>West Lothian Cinema Trip (Sarah) |
| 11<br><br>11-12.30 Women's Group (over 35's)<br><br>6.30-8 Peer Group 1   | 12<br><br>10 – Relaxation (FB Live)<br><br>12-1.30 Parents Group 2<br><br>5.30-7.30 Gaming Group                | 13<br><br>2.30 – 3.30 Art Group (Skype)<br>1-3 TEam<br>4-5.30 Peer Group 3<br>4.30- Football<br>4.30-5 Tai Chi (Zoom)        | 14<br><br>2-4 Thursday Group<br><br>4-7 Christmas Party  | 15<br>11 - 1 YFN<br><br>1.30-2.30 History Group<br>3-5 Young Men's Peer<br><br>4.30-7.30 TTRPG (Lost mines and Tails of Equestria) | 16<br><br>11-3 Drop-in (Ant)<br><br>1-3 Tech Club                              | 17   |
| 18<br>12 – Culture Club (Holyrood Palace)<br>2-3.30 Women's Group (25s-35s)<br><br>5.30-7pm Peer Group 2                                | 19<br>12 – Gourmet Club (Toby Carvery)<br><br>12-1.30 Parents Group 1<br><br>5.30-7 Young Women's Peer (16-24s) | 20<br>10 – Bus Group<br>1 – GASP (ice-skating)<br>1-2 Girls Group (Zoom)<br>4-5.30 Peer Group 4<br><br>4.30-5 Tai Chi (Zoom) | 21<br>11-12.30 Creative Writing Group 2<br><br>1 - 3 Girls Group<br><br>2-4 Thursday Group                         | 22<br>11 - 1 YFN<br>1-4 Pool Group (Morningside Ballroom)<br><br>4.30-7.30 TTRPG (Ravenloft)                                       | 23<br><br>Cinema trip (Maff)   | 24   |
| 25<br>12.30 - Christmas Day Chinese Takeaway<br><br>No groups.  | 26<br><br>Boxing Day (no drop-in).  | 27<br><br>1.30 - Borders Group (Italian restaurant)  | 28 DROP-IN 12-4  | 29 DROP-IN 12-4<br><br>4.30 – Curry Club (venue TBC)   | 30   | 31<br><br>Happy Hogmanay!                  |

| Group/activity  | Group Descriptions  |
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| <b>Art Group</b>  | Meets online via Skype on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 2.30-3.30pm and in person at Number 6 on the second and fourth Friday of the month from 3-4.30pm. For more information about the Skype group please contact Ashley: <a href="mailto:ashley.mclennan@aiscotland.org.uk">ashley.mclennan@aiscotland.org.uk</a> and for information about the in-person group contact Zaid: <a href="mailto:zaid.al-nayazi@aiscotland.org.uk">zaid.al-nayazi@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>Book Group</b>   | Meets from 1.30-2.30pm on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month in the Peer Room at 22 Hill Street. We choose a book to read each month, discuss that book during the group and then spend a bit of time considering the book for the next group. The group is currently full, but if you are interested in joining, then let Matthew know <a href="mailto:matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk">matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk</a> as there may be remote options.  |
| <b>Borders Group</b>  | <b>This is a closed group for people living in the Borders.</b> Ashley & Charlotte alternate the running of this group. This month we will be going for lunch at an Italian restaurant on 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec. For more information, please email Ashley: <a href="mailto:ashley.mclennan@aiscotland.org.uk">ashley.mclennan@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>Bus Group</b>  | A group for people who enjoy bus journeys! This month the group will be doing the 46 route on Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> December from 10am. Please email Maff for more information: <a href="mailto:matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk">matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>Cinema Group</b>   | We organise a monthly Saturday trip to the cinema. Further information available in the 'weekend' section.  |
| <b>Creative Writing</b>                                       | We run two separate, monthly groups (on the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday). During the session, Karina leads one or two short writing exercises using prompts to come up with poems, prose and short stories. Participants read out their work if they feel comfortable doing so. For more information please contact Karina: <a href="mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk">karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>Culture Club (over-40s)</b>                                | A monthly meet-up for anyone over 40 who is interested in cultural outings & events. This month we'll be visiting Holyrood Palace on Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December, meeting at the Palace at 12 noon. Concessionary tickets are £10 in advance of £10.50 on the door. Please contact Rachel for more information: <a href="mailto:Rachel.mcritchie@aiscotland.org.uk">Rachel.mcritchie@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>Curry Club</b>   | This month's Curry Club will be on Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec, venue TBC. Please email Andy <b>at least one week before</b> if you are interested in coming as spaces are limited: <a href="mailto:andrew.horseman@aiscotland.org.uk">andrew.horseman@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>Drop-ins</b>   | <b>We are open for drop-in on the following days &amp; times: Tuesdays 1-7pm; Thursdays 1-7pm; Fridays 1-5pm, and the first and third Saturday of the month from 11am to 3pm.</b> Anyone registered with Number 6 is welcome to come along to the building to use the computer room, pool room and any meeting rooms that are available. Tea & coffee is available.   |
| <b>Football</b>   | This month we'll be meeting on Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec at World of Football, Corn Exchange. Meet outside the pitches at 4:20pm, for a 4:30pm start. Please email Ant for more information: <a href="mailto:Anthony.shek@aiscotland.org.uk">Anthony.shek@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>Gaming Group</b>   | An opportunity to try out computer games with other gamers, this group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 5.30-7.30pm at 24 Hill Street. Please email Rowan if you're interested in coming along: <a href="mailto:rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk">rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>GASP (Gender Affirming Sports &amp; Physical Activity)</b> | Are you Trans/Non-binary/Genderqueer? Like sports but dysphoria gets in the way? This might be the group for you. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month and try out a different sporting activity – if there's something you've always wanted to try but didn't have the confidence (or enough other people) to do, please let Rowan know. In December we'll be going ice-skating at Murrayfield on Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> , meeting at Number 6 at 1pm. Please email Rowan if you would like to come along: <a href="mailto:rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk">rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk</a>                   |
| <b>Girls Group</b>  | Alternates between Skype and Number 6. In-person sessions are on the first and third Thursday from 1-3pm. Skype sessions are on the second & fourth Wednesday of the month from 12-1pm and are <b>self-led</b> . The group provides the opportunity to chat with other autistic women, take part in activities and to build companionship. For more information, please contact Kim for the in-person groups: <a href="mailto:kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk">kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk</a> and Ashley for the online sessions: <a href="mailto:ashley.mclennan@aiscotland.org.uk">ashley.mclennan@aiscotland.org.uk</a> |
| <b>Gourmet Club</b>   | A monthly lunch club where we try out different eating establishments. This month we'll be meeting at 12 noon on Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December and going to Toby Carvery. Please email Kim for more information: <a href="mailto:kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk">kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |

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| <b>History Group</b>              | Meets on the 3rd Friday of the month – we meet to discuss a different topic/era of history each time. The group is currently full but please email Matthew if you would like to be added to the waiting list: <a href="mailto:matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk">matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>Late Diagnosis Group (LDG)</b> | <b>Late Diagnosis Group</b> - Divided into 7 weekly sessions of 60—90mins, this is a discussion-based group to help you understand and adjust to your diagnosis, learn a bit about the history of autism, what it is, how it may (or may not) affect you and focus on developing your strengths and ameliorating your challenges.<br><b>We run additional LDG groups specifically for Women, Minority Gender people and 16-24 year olds.</b><br>Please email <a href="mailto:number6@aiscotland.org.uk">number6@aiscotland.org.uk</a> and request the LDG calendar which lists all the 16 weekly LDG options. Please note that there is usually a waiting list for LDG which may be up to a few months long.   |
| <b>Parents Group</b>              | We run two in-person groups fortnightly on Tuesdays from 12 to 1.30pm. These groups provide the opportunity to meet other autistic parents in a relaxed environment and share the ups and downs of being a parent. There is no requirement for your child to be autistic just that you are a parent. Please contact Sarah if you would like to come along: <a href="mailto:sarah.gardiner@aiscotland.org.uk">sarah.gardiner@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>Peer Support Groups</b>        | Monday (6:30pm) and Wednesdays (4pm) at Number 6. These peer groups are for anyone diagnosed autistic wishing to chat with other autistics, in a space that is safe, non-judgemental, and all-inclusive. Topics of discussion are not decided beforehand, but emerge organically on the day. The groups are currently full but if you'd like to be added to the waiting list, please email Karina at <a href="mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk">karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>Pool Group</b>                 | We run a pool group at Morningside Ballroom on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of the month from 1-4pm. Please email Scott if you would like to come along: <a href="mailto:scott.wright@aiscotland.org.uk">scott.wright@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>Polish Peer Group</b>          | This peer group is for any Polish people who have been diagnosed by Number 6. We meet on the first Thursday of the month from 5.30-7pm. Please note, the group is self-led (not facilitated by staff). Please contact Tim for more information: <a href="mailto:tim.hather@aiscotland.org.uk">tim.hather@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>Queer Book Group</b>           | Are you LGBT+, like reading, want to read more and have a space to talk about what you're reading? We now run a queer focused monthly book group. Please note that there will be no meeting in December and the group is currently full, but, if you'd like to be added to the mailing list, please email Rowan: <a href="mailto:rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk">rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>Queer Singing Group</b>        | Like singing? Want to try singing in a group? Just want to have fun and maybe learn some new songs? Want to extend your vocal range? This might be the group for you. We now run a singing group for our LGBTQ+ service users. It's not always easy finding a space to sing that doesn't divide people into men's and women's voices this group aims to be as inclusive as possible – we are also aware that hormone therapy can change your voice and that people may be learning how to speak (and sing) in a new vocal range – because of this we will encourage you to sing in the range that feels best for you. This is a beginners friendly, non-performing group, we'll be coming together to have fun, sing songs and make music together. Meets on the second Saturday of the month from 1-3pm. For more information, please email <a href="mailto:rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk">rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk</a> <b>Please note there will be no group in December.</b> |
| <b>Quiz (online)</b>              | Hosted through a closed group on Facebook on fourth Monday of the month from 1pm to 2.30pm, each quiz consists of 5 rounds containing 10 questions. Subjects for quiz rounds have been, but are not limited to, General Knowledge, Geography, Nature and the Natural World, Food and Drink, Picture Rounds, Sci-fi and 80's pop. In order to take part you will need a Facebook account and have contacted a member of staff to be added to the closed Facebook Quiz Group – from there you can watch the quiz live. For more info, please contact Stew: <a href="mailto:stewart.campbell@aiscotland.org.uk">stewart.campbell@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>Relaxation Group (online)</b>  | Ashley runs an online relaxation session on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 10-10.30am. This takes place through our closed Facebook Group 'The Virtual Drop-in'. For more information about joining the sessions, please email: <a href="mailto:Ashley.mclennan@aiscotland.org.uk">Ashley.mclennan@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |

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| <b>Tai Chi (online)</b>                     | Wednesdays at 4.30pm on Zoom. This 30 minute session comprises of warm up and warm down stretches, breathing exercises and a set of Tai Chi moves to combine breathing and movement. For more info, please contact Andy: <a href="mailto:andrew.horseman@aiscotland.org.uk">andrew.horseman@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>TEam (Trans, Enby and More)</b>          | Meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm in the Training Room at Number 6. This is a group for trans and non-binary people, as well as anyone questioning their gender. Please note, we're only meeting on the 13 <sup>th</sup> this month. For more information please contact Rowan: <a href="mailto:rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk">rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>Tech Club</b>                            | Tech Club is a club for people at Number 6 who would like to learn about or mess around with electronics and coding. The club is mainly based around the raspberry pi and is led by a volunteer called Richard. The club meets on the first and third Saturday of the month from 1-3pm at 24 Hill Street. For more information, please email: <a href="mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk">karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>Thursday Group</b>                       | <b>This discussion group is currently closed.</b>  |
| <b>TTRPG (Table-top role-playing games)</b> | Our TTRPG groups are currently full, however, if you would like to be added to the waiting list, please email: <a href="mailto:rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk">rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>*Virtual Drop-in (Facebook)</b>          | We have created a virtual social drop-in on Facebook for anyone who is registered with Number 6. This is a closed group where service users can chat to each other, share tips on how to stay well and generally stay in touch. This is a closed group so please contact Karina to request an invite: <a href="mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk">karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>Wellbeing Group (16-24's)</b>            | We run a Wellbeing Group for individuals aged 16-24. Over the course of 6 sessions, we explore topics such as: Sleep Hygiene, Motivation & Emotional Regulation. Please contact Ashley for more information: <a href="mailto:ashley.mclennan@aiscotland.org.uk">ashley.mclennan@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>West Lothian Cinema Group</b>            | Sarah is now running a monthly cinema group for people living in West Lothian. This month we'll be going to see 'Wonka' on Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Please email Sarah if you would like to come along: <a href="mailto:sarah.gardiner@aiscotland.org.uk">sarah.gardiner@aiscotland.org.uk</a> . <b>Please note that this group is only for people resident in West Lothian.</b>   |
| <b>Women's Peer Group (25s-35s)(NEW)</b>    | We are now running a monthly peer group for recently diagnosed women and non-binary (AFAB) people aged 25-35. The group will meet on the third Monday of the month from 2-3.30pm at 24 Hill Street. Please email Karina for more information or to let her know that you would like to come along: <a href="mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk">karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>Women's Peer Group (over 35's)</b>       | This discussion-based peer group meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month and provides the opportunity to meet other late-diagnosed women in a safe space. Topics arise organically on the day. The group is currently full but if you would like to be added to the waiting list, please email Karina: <a href="mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk">karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>Yarn, Fibre &amp; Needlecraft (YFN)</b>  | Meets every Friday 11am- 1pm at 24 Hill Street. This group provides a space to meet, work on fibre crafts, and chat about life the universe and everything. Suitable for anyone with an interest in fibre crafting. Some skills help but are not necessary although for the time being we are only working on our own projects so owning equipment is currently a must. Please email Rowan for more info: <a href="mailto:rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk">rowan.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk</a> |
| <b>Young Men's Peer Group (16-24s)</b>      | This peer group meets on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month (3-5pm). Sometimes we stay at Number 6 and play pool and have a chat, other times we go out and take part in activities. Please email Scott for more info: <a href="mailto:scott.wright@aiscotland.org.uk">scott.wright@aiscotland.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>Young Women's Peer Group(16-24s)</b>     | This peer support group is for recently diagnosed women and non-binary (AFAB) people. We meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 5.30-7pm at 24 Hill Street. For more information please email Karina: <a href="mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk">karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk</a>  |

## Weekend Activities

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| <p><b><u>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</u></b><br/> <b>11am – Christmas Market (Kim)</b></p> <p><b>Drop-in 11am to 3pm (Karina )</b></p> | <p><b>Christmas Market:</b> Kim will be taking a group to the Christmas Market on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We'll be meeting at Hill Street at 11am, leaving at 11.15am and walking to the market. We'll have a look around the stalls, have a bite to eat and maybe even go on some rides. Please dress in warm clothes and bring cash and card to pay for things. Please email Kim to let her know if you plan to come along: <a href="mailto:kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk">kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Drop-in:</b><br/>           Anyone registered with Number 6 is welcome to drop into the building (24 Hill Street) between 11am and 3pm. Service users are welcome to use the Computer Room, Pool Room and all of the other meeting rooms will be available to hang out in. The kitchen will be open for people to make themselves a tea and coffee. We do not provide lunch but you're welcome to bring your own.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</u></b><br/> <b>1-3pm Karaoke @ Supercube (Andy)</b></p>  | <p>Andy has organised a karaoke session at Super Cube (George Street) for 1-3pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. It will cost £12 per session, to be paid in advance, if possible and we'll be meeting at Number 6 at 12.30. Please email Andy by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November if you would like to come along and to arrange to bring in your money: <a href="mailto:andrew.horseman@aiscotland.org.uk">andrew.horseman@aiscotland.org.uk</a></p>   |
| <p><b><u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</u></b><br/> <b>10am - Blackford Hill walk (Tim)</b></p>  | <p>Tim will be taking a group for a walk up Blackford Hill on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December. We'll be meeting at Hill Street at 10am then taking a bus and walking up the hill. Optional coffee stop for whoever would like to join, afterwards. Please email Tim if you'd like to come along: <a href="mailto:tim.hather@aiscotland.org.uk">tim.hather@aiscotland.org.uk</a></p>   |
| <p><b><u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</u></b><br/> <b>West Lothian Cinema Trip (Sarah)</b></p>   | <p>Sarah is now running a monthly cinema group for people living in West Lothian. This month we'll be going to see Wonka at the Vue (Almondvale Centre) on the 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please email Sarah if you would like to come along: <a href="mailto:sarah.gardiner@aiscotland.org.uk">sarah.gardiner@aiscotland.org.uk</a>. <b>Please note that this group is only for people resident in West Lothian.</b></p>  |
| <p><b><u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</u></b><br/> <b>Drop-in 11am to 3pm (Ant)</b></p>  | <p>Anyone registered with Number 6 is welcome to drop into the building (24 Hill Street) between 11am and 3pm. Service users are welcome to use the Computer Room, Pool Room and all of the other meeting rooms will be available to hang out in. The kitchen will be open for people to make themselves a tea and coffee. We do not provide lunch but you're welcome to bring your own.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> December</u></b><br/> <b>Cinema Trip (Maff)</b></p>   | <p>Maff will be taking a cinema trip on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Details will be confirmed nearer the time. If you're interested in coming along, please email Maff: <a href="mailto:matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk">matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk</a></p>   |

## **Additional Christmas Events**

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 4-7pm – Christmas Party**

We'll be holding a Christmas Party at 24 Hill Street from 4-7pm on 14<sup>th</sup> December. There'll be a DJ, dancing and some party games. No need to book in advance, just come along with your dancing shoes on!

### **Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup> December) 12.30 to 2.30pm – Chinese Takeaway**

As is the Number 6 tradition, we'll be providing a Chinese takeaway to those of you who don't have any family or friends to go to on Christmas Day. If you would like to come along, please email Maff by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December so he can send you the menu and you can choose what you would like in advance: [matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk)

### **Amended Drop-in times.**

Please note that there will be no drop-in on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December and on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December, drop-in will run from 12 noon until 4pm.