



Creating Adoption Networks Community Interest Company

National Lottery Community Fund

Total amount of funding - £14750

Alton Towers waterpark private hire event – October 2024

250 attendees. Approximately 85 adoptive families.

2 hour private hire event that enabled many adoptive families to attend that would not normally be able to go. We limited the number of tickets, had the music turned down and created a safe, non judgemental space.

Feedback –

So nice to meet with other adoptive families in an informal way.

It was lovely to see so many smiling faces

So lovely to see so many adoptive families making happy memories that will last a lifetime.

The event was really good. It was nice to go to somewhere that was the right level of busy where children and parents could enjoy their time together free from judgement. As the venue was not to capacity it gave parents a chance to catch up as well as have fun. Really great event.

We all had a wonderful time at the waterpark event. The atmosphere was amazing- it was so nice knowing that everyone there would be kind and accepting of any of our children's needs. Our children were asking when we could do it all again before we even left the changing rooms. Thank you so much.

Comforting to be in a place of understanding where my daughter was safe to be herself and my parenting style was not judged.

It was nice to be with others where we won't don't judged

Amazing. I got super wet but that was the fun bit!

Enforcing family bonds through fun and enjoyment. Offering much needed bonding time in a safe environment with others in a similar situation facing similar difficulties and challenges.

An absolutely brilliant night! Superbly organised and the kids had a GREAT time! Thank you so much!

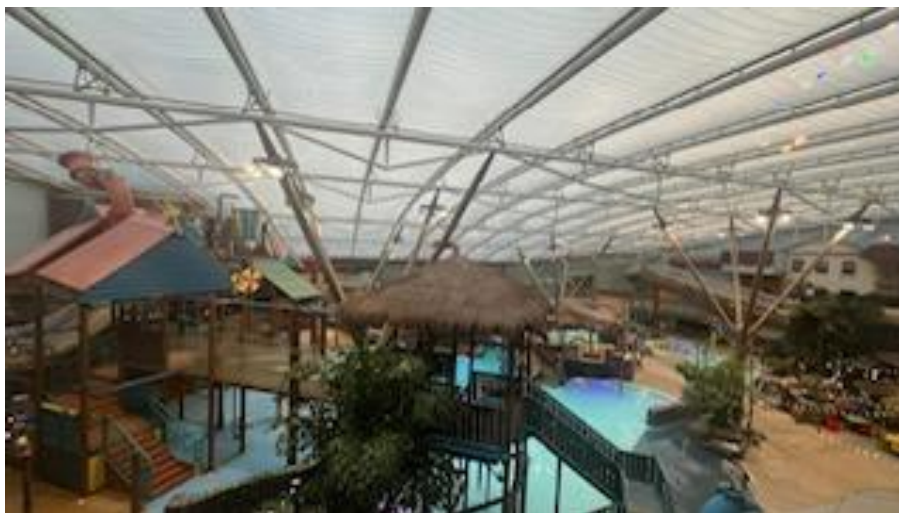


Amazing opportunity for our family to be surrounded by others in the same situation, meaning the environment felt safe for our kids to their authentic selves and us parents had the support of other families who walk in our shoes. Fun was had by parents and kids, zero queuing for rides, pool and changing rooms.

It was lovely to be with people who may understand that your child may have social challenges and to feel supported.

Thank you for your hard work in pulling an event like this together. My kids were grumbling that I was making them come to this when they'd rather stay home, but afterwards they were all smiles, recalling moments during the event and laughing uncontrollably. It was great to have some bonding time with them where we all could relax and enjoy. Thank you Clare and Lydia!

These events are a great opportunity for our children to mix with others in the same situation and for us as parents to share experiences in a safe environment. Good to know that the events are open across the country as we have strong local networks and this is helping to grow wider links and for my child to see there are many like her.





28 adoptive families

Age range of children 4-18 year olds

Locations Birmingham, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Shropshire, London, Kent, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Essex, Coventry, Warwickshire.





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