

Family Hubs - Dads Day

[Craig Williams, Dads and Male Carers Coordinator]

[Video clip: Craig Williams seated talking to camera]

[Text: Days with Dad]

[Logo: Family Hubs]

[Video clip: Bubble Man dressed in colourful striped suit wearing a top hat with giant bubble maker in activity room with educational information on the walls. Small children watching]

[Video clip: Dads, toddlers, and small children seated on mats on the floor, engaged in play with coordinator waving pompoms. Dad carrying small girl, Other children and adults at tables/stalls in the background.]

[Video clip: Craig Williams seated talking to camera]

“We put on our first ‘Days with Dad’ activity day. So it’s a fun day for the whole family including mums to come along and enjoy a free event during the Easter half term, we put on lots of activities, market stalls, and talks. It’s been a rainy day but it’s been a really eventful day as well.”

[Video clip: Dad seated talking to camera]

[Video clip: Poster, Days with Dad, Free fun for the whole family, Wednesday, 3 April 2024, 10.00 am to 2.30 pm. List of fun activities from babies to primary school age, including:

- Magician
- Bubble Man
- Spray painting
- Face painting
- Police, army and fire services
- Bishop Auckland Football Club

And much more! Venue details. Logos Durham County Council and NHS and Family Hubs]

[Video clip: Dad seated talking to camera]

[Text: Days with Dad and Family Hubs logo]

[Video clip: Dad with Bubble man and little girl in activity room, making giant bubbles with child inside!]

[Video clip: Dad Seated talking to camera]

“It was actually my wife that saw it advertised with it being specifically focused for dads and I happened to be off work, I don’t normally get to do much of this stuff with the little one. Obviously

she goes to a lot of playgroups with her mum and her nanna, so we decided to come along. Things like this definitely a bit more often would be great.”

[Video clip: Mum seated talking to camera.]

[Video clip: Mum with small child other children seated on soft rug, child carrying balloon animal, children playing on the rug. Camera pans to rest of room, dad playing with small boy. Returns to mum seated talking to camera.]

“My husband wanted to come but he’s at work today but he’s looking for different things to do when he’s got the girls on his own. I think having something that he would feel a bit more comfortable and go and do would be really good.”

[Video clip: Dad standing talking to camera]

[Video clip: Child learning to ride a bike, lots of parents and children in the large room, exhibition space.]

[Video clip: Dad talking to soldiers at army stall in exhibition space]

[Video clip: Dad holding small baby at Market Place Hotel stall in exhibition space]

[Video clip: Return to dad standing talking to camera]

“It’s good, I like all the different that’s available but I’ve been talking to the soldiers. And the parent carer panel as well. It’s nice to feel like included, feeling like well thought of.”

[Video clip: Dad talking to camera]

[Video clip: child catching bubbles from bubble machine. Lady holding bubble machine dancing, other small children in the space.]

[Video clip: Dancing lad holding baby, little boy running onto soft play area. Comfy sofas in the room.]

[Video clip: Little boy having his face painted.]

[Video clip: Bubble Man making giant bubbles with child inside!]

[Video clip: Dad and child drawing/painting]

[Video clip: Dad and children painting]

[Video clip: Returns to dad talking to camera. Days with Dad and Family Hubs logo]

“Today’s event has been absolutely amazing. But the overall turnout for everybody in the surrounding area has just been fantastic. People have heard about it from all different areas, from all different angles and they’ve wanted to come today because it’s been family-based because it’s been dads and it’s been dads who have wanted to come. There’s so many dads out there that are looking for stuff to do with the kids. Events like this it is really what makes it, it’s really what actually helps make a difference. Loads of people have got here today and have found out loads more in their local area that they didn’t know existed.

[Video clip: Table laden with cupcakes, leaflets, information for dads]

[Video clip: Further information leaflets relevant to dads]

[Video clip: Returns to dad talking to camera]

[Video clip: Children and older boys playing football]

And there’s loads more that they’ll be able to find just from coming today. More events like this absolutely are needed to really highlight not just the fact that dads are here as well, that there are things available for dads and the kids to do, but just more family stuff as well.

[Video clip: Man with microphone and little girl, girl laughing]

[Video clip: Children hula hooping, girl smiling, facing camera]

[Video clip: Little baby on soft mat being tickled by pompom]

[Video clip: Returns to dad talking to camera]

That there’s so much on offer and to see everyone jump at it with both hands wide open ready to go and do something as a family with the kids, with the dad, with the mum, it’s fantastic.”

[Text: Logo Family Hubs. To find out more about Family Hubs visit

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