

# Does your young person need support socially?



## FriendBee SEND

# Befriending

FriendBee is a SEND Befriending Service that matches disabled children and young people with a paid Befriender to help them access social and leisure activities.

We currently support young people up to the age of 25 that have a Special Education Need or Disability (SEND), who also live in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames or Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames.

### Benefits:

- + Help your child access activities and do things they want to do
- + Give your child independence and the chance to build social skills
- + Allow you and your child to have some respite

### How it Works

- ✓ Register for an account on our website
- ✓ Complete a registration form
- ✓ Schedule a Home Visit and Risk Assessment with the Coordinator
- ✓ Set up your profile and contact potential Befrienders
- ✓ Schedule an initial visit with a Befriender

### Register:

Register online at [www.friendbee.co.uk](http://www.friendbee.co.uk)

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# AVNI & LEO



**"When Leo and I are together we laugh a lot. They really listen to what I have to say and don't speak for me. I have lovely conversations with Leo and they always make sure they give me choice in what I want to do. I like Leo 10 out of 10!"**


**- Avni, age 19**

The bond of friendship between Leo and Avni is what FriendBee is all about. They do all sorts of activities together, from companion cycling, picnics, swimming, going to the hairdressers, music lessons, baking, to tie dying t-shirts. Laughter and fun is never in short supply.

Avni and Leo spend time together either at home or in the community, and have built a strong friendship through shared experiences and interests. With the support of Leo, Avni is able to do the things that she enjoys safely and independently, while allowing her family respite.

Ruils is a user-led charity supporting disabled children and adults and people with long term health & mental health conditions to live independently, be part of their community and to live life to the full. We provide information, advice, advocacy, befriending and activities to our clients and their families.

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