



Making Inclusion a Reality (MIAR)

What is MIAR?

- MIAR stands for 'Making Inclusion a Reality'.
- The MIAR group has been running in Yeovil since 2003 and is managed by the children's charity Barnardo's.
- The group is for children aged 5 and over who are not able to access leisure or social activities outside of school. This may be due to a disability, their individual needs, or a lack of confidence or social skills.
- The group offers a chance for children to make friends in a welcoming and safe environment, and enables them to experience new leisure and social activities.
- The group is child-led, meaning that children decide what activities they would like to do. Children are fully consulted and included in decisions about the MIAR group.
- MIAR aims to provide exciting and engaging activities such as: outdoor play, sports, arts and crafts, games, cooking as well as visits from professionals, and trips.
- From day one, we work with children to support them to a point where they are able to join other leisure and recreational activities or groups.
- It is not our intention that children will stay with MIAR on a long-term basis but only for as long as they need our support and feel ready to move on.
- We also support families by signposting them to the appropriate agencies and advice services.

Barnardo's Registered Charity No. 216250 and SC03605

When does MIAR meet?

When: Wednesday
Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Place: Birchfield Community Hall
Birchfield Road
Yeovil
BA21 5RL

How to access MIAR

If you are interested in attending or would like to make a referral, you will need to fill in a referral form. To find out more about this or to request a form, please contact:

Natasha Gibbs (Project Worker)

Barnardo's Play and Participation Service
Kilver Court
Shepton Mallet
Somerset
BA4 5NF

Office: 01749 330533

Email: natasha.gibbs@barnardos.org.uk

