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StGiles is excited to bring its mobile sensory fun tent along to the Village Green at Ranelagh for the You and Me Community Festival on Sunday April 9.

StGiles, Tasmania's largest child disability service, will bring some of its groovy gear to the park and aims to make the festival experience easy and accessible fun for everyone.

StGiles, which has its Southern contemporary allied health campus at Lenah Valley, supports 6000 young Tasmanians living with disability in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie.

While many of its clients face major life challenges, StGiles also has a particular expertise and strong focus on early intervention programs for pre-school children with behaviour and speech issues.

It is also a recognised leader in Autism and child behaviour management. At Burnie, StGiles runs Tasmania's Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre.

After nearly 80 years in Tasmania, the organisation is producing some ground breaking programs for young people living with disability.

“People attending the festival can ask our team about the ChatFit program,” StGiles Hobart engagement co-ordinator Lisa Free said.

“ChatFit has been developed by our speech pathology and physiotherapy teams.

“We bring together young adults with disability in a gym and they learn how to communicate and exercise at the same time. It's been a real success and has given some young people communication opportunities they and their families once only dreamed about,” Mrs Free said.

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