

CONNECT!

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE THEIR WAY

Connect! is for neurodivergent young people aged 9-18 across Kent who struggle to access groups and activities without support. Activities are autism friendly so you can try new things and make friends in a safe, comfortable environment.

Connect is now Kent wide (excluding Medway)



Darren Sall
Dartford, Gravesham,
Sevenoaks & Swale



Linda Crichton
Canterbury,
Thanet & Dover



Penny Lockhart
Maidstone, Tonbridge
and Malling & Swale



Baljit Balrow
Ashford, Dover, Folkestone,
& Tunbridge Wells

Events in Tonbridge & Malling, Maidstone and online groups

Monday 19th August: 10am - 3pm

Gaining Ground Session at Buckmore Park Scout Campsite hosted by Great Leaps. This session is focused on air rifle shooting and archery. We will be served a hot campfire lunch. Additional structured woodland activities will be run.

Thursday 22nd August: 9:30am - 4pm

Day session at Lower Grange Farm in Maidstone. Activities planned are Quad bikes, VR experience, bush craft and bag drop.

Wednesday 28th August: 10am - 1pm

Fishing with Cast-A-Thought at Claygate Lakes in Marden. All equipment is provided.

Tuesday 10th September: 5pm - 6:30pm

Clip N Climb relaxed rock climbing session at Clip N Climb, Tonbridge. Penny will be there from 4.30pm with Uno and snacks for those who would like meet up before hand.

Wednesday 11th September: 5pm - 7pm

Bowling at Hollywood Bowl at Lockmeadow in Maidstone

Thursday 12th September: 4:30pm - 6pm

Among Us - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

Monday 23rd September: 10am - 1pm (TBC)

Social home ed session making Rocky Road at St Luke's Church in Maidstone

Tuesday 24th September: 4.30pm-6.30pm

Session at St Andrews Lakes in Snodland at the inflatable Aqua Park! Wet suits will be provided. All young people taking part must be able to swimming 100m confidently.

Tunbridge Wells, Ashford & Folkestone

Tuesday 13th August: 9:45am - 1pm

Trip to The Ashford Cinema for a private film viewing watching Despicable Me 4. There will be an interval mid way through in our own private area.

Wednesday 14th August: 9am - 12.30pm

Bowles Activity Centre in Tunbridge Wells. Rock climbing (on a real rock wall!) including high rope challenges.

Thursday 15th August: 9am-4.30pm

Bowles Activity Centre in Tunbridge Wells. High ropes course in the morning and rock climbing (on a real rock wall!) in the afternoon. Please come with a packed lunch.

Monday 19th August: 10am-3pm

Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP) and Aqua Park at Action Watersports, Lake 1, Dengemarsh Road, Romney Marsh, TN29 9JH

Tuesday 20th August: 9am-4.30pm

Bowles Activity Centre in Tunbridge Wells. High ropes course in the morning and rock climbing (on a real rock wall!) in the afternoon. Please come with a packed lunch.

Thursday 22nd August: 2pm-3:30pm

Climbing at F51 Sports Park in Folkestone

Tuesday 27th August: 9.30am-3pm

Port Lymphe Trip and Sketching Activity. Please bring a packed lunch.

Thursday 29th August: 9.30am-3pm

Drop in at Sk8side in Ashford, Skating and Badge Making.

Thursday 5th September: 4:30pm-6pm

Bowling at Hollywood Bowl in Tunbridge Wells

Swale

Wednesday 14th August: 10am - 3pm

Day of activities at Creed Outdoor Centre in Teynham, Sittingbourne. Main activities are high ropes, assault course and archery.

Monday 19th August: 10am - 3pm

Day of activities at Creed Outdoor Centre in Teynham, Sittingbourne. Main activities climbing, axe throwing and survival skills.

Tuesday 20th August: 3 - 5.30pm

Cinema trip at The Light in Sittingbourne to see Despicable Me 4

Wednesday 21st August: 11am-2pm

Diesel Days and Kids Treasure Hunt at Bredgar & Wormhill Light Railway

Thursday 22nd August: 10:30am-12:30pm

Morning session at Huckleberry Woods in Faversham - a small rustic farm devoted to micro and miniature animals.

Tuesday 27th August: 10am - 3pm

Day of activities at Creed Outdoor Centre in Teynham, Sittingbourne. Main activities are low ropes, axe throwing and zip line.



Sevenoaks

Thursday 29th August: 10am - 4pm

Hemsley Conservation Centre Zoo trip (near Sevenoaks)



Canterbury, Thanet & Dover

Wednesday 21st August: 11:30am - 3pm

Visit to WonderWorks, Margate - an immersive experience inspired by the UK's best known hobby brands – Hornby, Scalextric, Airfix, Corgi and Pocher. Great if you like model trains, cars, planes or tanks!

Wednesday 28th August: 12.30 - 3.30pm

Bracelet making and arts and crafts, board games. Thannington Resource Centre, Canterbury.

Thursday 29th August: 1:30pm - 4pm

Bowling at Hollywood Bowl at Westwood Cross, Broadstairs (meal included)

Saturday 14th September: 12 - 2.00pm

Gel Battle Royale at Quex Park, Birchington-on-Sea. Similar to paintballing but with no pain gel balls as ammunition.

Sunday 29th September: 1:15pm - 4.30pm

Gamebase in Dover. You can play on any console in a gaming pod and on any age-appropriate game. Pizza and drinks included and there is a teenage soft play area, and virtual reality equipment.

To request a space on an activity listed above, please follow the link to complete the booking and permission form:

[Request your space](#)

Volunteers Needed!

Are you or is someone you know, looking for a rewarding volunteer role working with young people?

We're looking for Volunteer Youth Support Assistants from across the whole of Kent to help us provide our Connect! service.

As a volunteer, you would provide invaluable support to the young people at groups and activities, helping them to feel comfortable and encouraging them to participate in new experiences.



If you would like to find out more about this volunteer role, visit:

<https://www.involvekent.org.uk/jobs/volunteer-youth-support-assistant/>

Applicants must be 18+. Please note that this role is subject to an Enhanced DBS Check. Involve is fully committed to upholding the rights of all children, young people and adults to be protected from harm and abuse and to achieve the best outcomes.



Kent Youth County Council (KYCC) is a group aged 11-18, elected to represent the views of young people in Kent.

They campaign on issues like mental health, public transport and free school meals.

It's fun, free and your opportunity to make a difference, meet new friends, attend monthly events and gain valuable experience for your CV.

Sign up: kent.gov.uk/kyccelections



For more details or to sign up, go here:
<https://forms.office.com/E/G1B9608MKF>



SUMMER HAVE YOUR SAY ACTIVITIES 2024

OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND AGED 11-18.

ART ACTIVITY
DOVER

AUG
8

AUG
14

ANIMAL WORKSHOP
ASHFORD

SPORTS DAY
MAIDSTONE

AUG
22

KENT YOUTH
VOICE

AUG
27

FOREST SCHOOL
SITTINGBOURNE

MENTAL HEALTH FOOTBALL ACTIVITY DAY

OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11-18.

All genders welcome

Girls,
football is
for you
too!

Boys, lets
break the
silence on
mental
health



TUESDAY 20TH
AUGUST

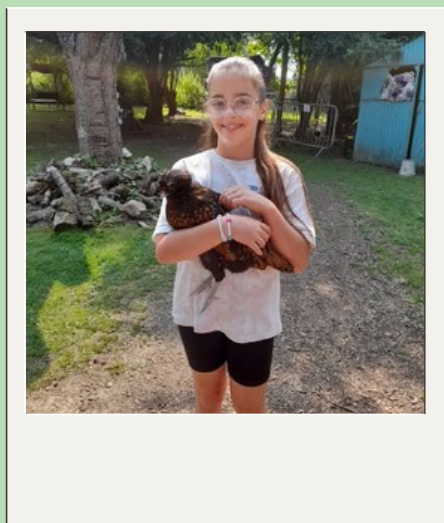
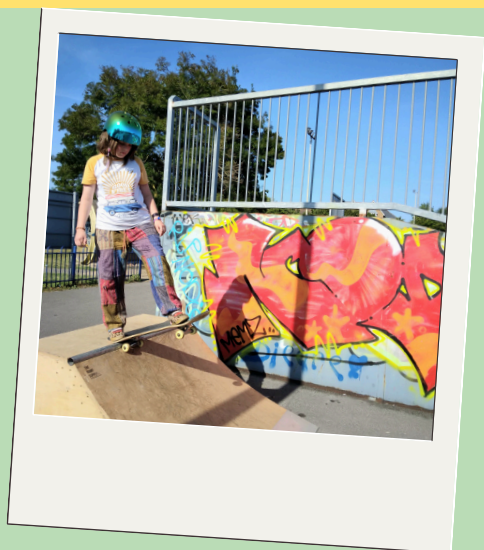
NORTHFLEET
YOUTH HUB



Lunch provided. For more details or
to sign up, go here:
<https://shorturl.at/SOAxk>



Sign up to [Kent County Council SEND Parent Newsletter](#) for helpful
SEND advice, guidance and support and partner information.



If you would like to support activities with a monetary donation, you can do so below. Please
add: 'Connect!' in the notes section so that your donation can be allocated accordingly.

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Get in touch!

Want to find out more about our Connect! service, or want to refer a young person? Get in touch!



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