

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)



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Maidstone, Tonbridge and
Malling & Tunbridge Wells



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Thanet & Dover

We have recruited a new Youth Programme Coordinator who will be starting in the next few weeks covering Ashford, Dover and Folkestone. Look out for introductions in the next bulletin!

The team attended the Big Mental Health Conversation event in October and have had a busy fun-filled October half term



Maidstone, Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells

Monday 11th November: 10am-1pm

Home ed session board game session at St Lukes' Church in Maidstone

Tuesday 12th November: 4.30-6.30pm

Diamond art and craft session at Snodland Community Centre

Wednesday 13th November: 4.45-6.15pm

Escape room at Clue Cracker in Tunbridge Wells. 2 groups battling puzzles to out how how to beat the room in time!

Tuesday 19th November: 5-6.30pm

Escape room at Time Quest in Paddock wood. 3 teams set to battle to room and try and escape in time!

Wednesday 20th November: 4.30-6.30pm

Slime workshop at St Luke's Church in Maidstone

Tuesday 26th November: 4.30-6.30pm

Slime workshop at Tunbridge Wells Family Hub

Monday 2nd December: 10am-1pm

Home Ed session doing Christmas crafts at St Luke's Church in Maidstone

Tuesday 3rd December: 5-6pm

Tonbridge Illuminations light trail around Tonbridge Castle. If parents want to join they will need to purchase their own tickets.

Wednesday 4th December: 4.30-6.30pm

Christmas craft session at St Luke's Church in Maidstone with hot chocolate and snacks with Christmas films!

Tuesday 10th December: 4.30-6.30pm

Christmas craft session at Snodland Community Centre with hot chocolate and snacks with Christmas films!

Online groups

Thursday 14th November: 4.30-6pm

Minecraft - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

Thursday 21st November : 4:30-6pm

Among Us - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

Thursday 5th December: 4.30-6pm

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Swale

Tuesday 12th November: 5-6pm

Kicks 4 Kids – Football Training at Faversham Town F.C. Ground

Wednesday 13th November: 5.20-7.20pm

The Light – Bowling & Arcade in Sittingbourne

Wednesday 27th November: 5-6.15pm

Clip N Climb – Climbing session at Swallows Leisure Centre

Saturday 30th November: 11am-1pm

Paint Pen Art Workshop at Bobbing Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

Sevenoaks, Dartford & Gravesend

Thursday 14th November: 5-7.30pm

Showcase Cinema – Red One (12A) at Bluewater

Monday 18th November: 5.30-7.15pm

Horror Escape Room (recommended 12+) at Panic Room in Gravesend

Tuesday 19th November: 5-7.30pm

Pokémon Club (trading card game) at Mug and Meeple in Gravesend

Thursday 21st November: 5pm – 7.30pm

Gravity - Trampolining & Food at Bluewater

Saturday 23rd November: 11am-3pm

Willow's Bird of Prey Centre & Wildlife Trail in Knockholt

Monday 25th November: 4.45-6.15pm

Horror Escape Room (recommended 12+) at Panic Room in Gravesend

Thursday 28th November: 5.30-8pm

Showcase Cinema – Wicked at Bluewater

Canterbury, Thanet & Dover

Tuesday 12th November: 3.30-6.30pm

After School Club at Thanington Resource Centre, Canterbury - Board games, crafts and an optional yoga session

Thursday 14th November: 3.30-6.30pm

After School Club at Trinity Resource Centre in Margate - Board games, crafts and an optional Brazilian Jujitsu session

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More activities to come in Ashford, Dover and Folkestone very soon!!

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.

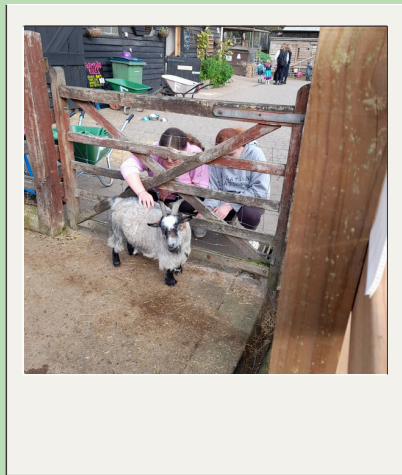


If you would like to find out more about this volunteer role, visit:

<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.

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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