

# 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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Dartford, Gravesham,  
Sevenoaks & Swale



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Canterbury,  
Thanet & Dover



**Penny Lockhart**

Maidstone, Tonbridge and  
Malling & Tunbridge Wells



**Beth Thomas**

Ashford, Folkestone & Dover

All activities are suggested by CYP so if you don't see something here you would enjoy, contact us, we'd love to get to know you and find out about your favourite ways to have fun!

## Online groups

**Thursday 13th March: 4.30-6pm**

Minecraft - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

**Thursday 20th March: 4.30-6pm**

Among Us - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

**Thursday 27th March: 4.30-6pm**

Minecraft - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

**Thursday 3rd April: 4.30-6pm**

Among Us - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

## Ashford, Folkestone & Dover

**Wednesday 12th March: 5-7pm**

**£2.50**

Craft and Boardgames at Folkestone Family Hub

**Friday 14th March: 4-6pm**

**£5.00**

Clip & Climb followed by swimming at The Stour Centre in Ashford

**Saturday 15th March: 10.45am-1.15pm**

**£5.00**

Betteshanger park - Obstacle Course and Battle blasters. Please bring a packed lunch

**Wednesday 19th March: 5-7pm**

**£7.50**

Trampolining at Flip Out Ashford with food

**Thursday 20th March: 4-6pm**

**£5.00**

Nexgen Crazy Golf in Dover

**Saturday 22nd March: 9.15am-4pm**

**£15.00**

Day at Kingswood Activity Centre in Ashford including lunch. Problem Solving, 3G Swing, Climbing and Nightline

**Monday 24th March: 4:45pm-7:15pm**

**£5.00**

Snow White at Dover Cineworld

<b>Wednesday 26th March: 5-7pm</b>	<b>£2.50</b>
Session at Folkestone Family Hub. Activity to be decided by young people.	
<b>Friday 28th March: 5-8pm</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
Bowling at Hollywood Bowl in Ashford. With Dinner Included	
<b>Saturday 29th March: 9.15am-4pm</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
Day at Kingswood Activity Centre in Ashford including lunch. Problem Solving, 3G Swing, Climbing and Nightline	
<b>Sunday 30th March: 10.30am-12.30pm OR 1.30pm-3.30pm</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
Gaming at Gamebase in Dover	
<b>Wednesday 2nd April: 5-7pm</b>	<b>£2.50</b>
Session at Folkestone Family Hub. Activity to be decided by young people.	
<b>Thursday 3rd April: 5-7pm</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
Hyperspace Laser Tag in Folkestone Including Dinner	
<b>Wednesday 9th April: 10am-4pm</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
Port Lympne Wild Life Park with Safari . Please bring a packed lunch	
<b>Thursday 10th April: 10.45am-1.15pm</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
Betteshanger park - Archery and Fossil Hunting. Please bring a packed lunch	
<b>Friday 11th April: 6.30-9.30pm</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
Production of Newsies Jr at The Tower Theatre	
<b>Monday 14th April: 10.30am-2.30pm</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
Day out at the Big Cat Sanctuary in Smarden. Please bring a packed lunch	
<b>Wednesday 16th April: 11-1pm</b>	<b>£7.50</b>
Trampolining at Flip out Ashford including lunch	
<b>Thursday 17th April: TBD</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
Climbing at F51 in Folkestone	
<b>Friday 18th April: 10.30am-3.30pm</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
Day out at the Rare Breeds Centre, Ashford. Please bring a packed lunch	

# Maidstone, Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells

**Wednesday 12th March: 4.30-6.30pm - FULLY BOOKED** £2.50  
Friendship bracelet making at St Lukes Church in Maidstone

**Wednesday 18th March: 4.30-6pm** £5.00  
Fun wall climbing session at the Climbing Experience in Maidstone

**Tuesday 25th March: 4.30-6.30pm** £5.00  
Bowling with dinner at Hollywood Bowl in Tunbridge Wells

**Wednesday 12th April: 4.30-6.30pm** £2.50  
Craft session at St Luke's Church in Maidstone. Crafts available are;  
Diamond art, Friendship bracelets, cross stitch and badge making

**Monday 7th April: 10am-5pm** £15.00  
Full day at Kent Life in Maidstone. Please bring a packed lunch!

**Thursday 10th April: 9:30am-4.30pm** £15.00  
Day at Bowles activity centre in Tunbridge Wells. Activities are dry  
slope skiing, pool raft session and team challenge

**Monday 14th April: 9.30am-4pm** £15.00  
Day at Lower Grange Farm in Maidstone. Activities are Quad bikes,  
Body Zorbs, Water rockets and cave bus. **OVER 10s ONLY**

**Thursday 17th April: 10.30am-12.30pm** £5.00  
Pizza making at Pizza Express in Tonbridge (High Street location).  
Make your own pizza, then eat doughballs while you wait for it to  
bake followed by ice cream at the end!



# Canterbury & Thanet

**Thursday 13th March: 4pm-6.30pm**

**£2.50**

After School Club at Trinity Resource Centre in Margate - sports from 4.30-5.30pm followed by board games & crafts from 5.30-6.30pm

**Sunday 16th March: 1.30-4.30pm**

**£5.00**

Revolution in Broadstairs. Session of skating and games.

**Tuesday 18th March: 3.30pm-6.30pm**

**£2.50**

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

**Thursday 20th March: 4pm-6.30pm**

**£2.50**

After School Club at Trinity Resource Centre in Margate - sports from 4.30-5.30pm followed by board games & crafts from 5.30-6.30pm

**Friday 21st March: 5-9pm**

**£10.00**

Medieval escape room at Westgate Towers. Choice to meet there or meet Linda at Broadstairs Station and get the train there and back. **TEENAGERS ONLY**

**Saturday 22nd March: TIME TBC**

**£5.00**

Snow White at the Vue Westwood Cross

**Saturday 5th April: MORNING TBC**

**£5.00**

Minecraft the Movie at Curzon in Canterbury

**Saturday 5th April: AFTERNOON TBC**

**£5.00**

Minecraft the Movie at the Vue at Westwood Cross

**Monday 7th April: 9-4.30pm**

**£15.00**

Forest School day at Chartham in Canterbury

**Tuesday 8th April: 9.30-3pm**

**£15.00**

Session at Creed Activity Centre in Sittingbourne. Activities to include high ropes, low ropes, zip wire, archery and axe throwing. Drop off or catch the train with Linda from Broadstairs station.

**Wednesday 9th April: 1.30-4.30pm (time TBC)**

**£5.00**

Revolution in Broadstairs. Session of Climbing and skating



**Thursday 10th April: 9.30-3pm**

**£15.00**

Session at Creed Activity Centre in Sittingbourne. Activities to include high ropes, low ropes, zip wire, archery and axe throwing. Drop off or catch the train with Linda from Broadstairs station.

**Saturday 12th April: 1-4pm**

**£15.00**

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Marlow Theatre

**Monday 14th April: 1-3pm**

**£5.00**

Private pool time at Chill at Treetops followed by pamper session. There will be a parent support group available at the same time.

**Tuesday 15th April: 12-4pm**

**£10.00**

Alpaca Trekking at Quex Park. Please be aware there is a limit on how many adults can join.

**Thursday 17th April: 9.30-3pm**

**£15.00**

Session at Creed Activity Centre in Sittingbourne. Activities to include high ropes, low ropes, zip wire, archery and axe throwing. Drop off or catch the train with Linda from Broadstairs station.

**Sunday 20th April - 12.30-3.30pm**

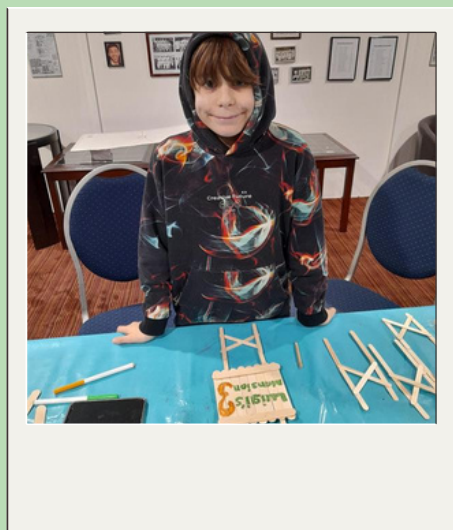
**£10.00**

Wipe out Inflatable water course at St Margrets in Dover

**Tuesday 29th April - 7.30-10pm**

**£15.00**

Swan Lake at the Marlowe Theatre



# Sevenoaks, Dartford & Gravesend

**Tuesday 11th March: 5.15-7.45pm**

**£5.00**

Retro Gaming, Next Gen Consoles, Racing Simulators and VR in the gaming zone at Future Survival in Gravesend

**Thursday 13th March: 4.45-7.15pm - FULLY BOOKED**

**£5.00**

Indoor Football with training, a match in the Dome, Skillzone games & Food at Ballerz at Bluewater

**Friday 14th March: 5.30-7.30pm**

**£5.00**

Pop-up Arcade! Play Xbox, PlayStation, Switch and VR at Otford Village Memorial Hall in Sevenoaks

**Saturday 15th March: 4.30-8pm**

**£7.50**

NERF Wars - NERF Battle Event with food at Reuthe's in Sevenoaks

**Tuesday 18th March: 11am-2pm**

**£5.00**

HOME ED - Play Pool and Table Football at The Panic Room, Gravesend

**Tuesday 18th March: 5-8pm**

**£2.50**

Pokémon Trading Card Game Club at The Mug and Meeple in Gravesend. (Relaxed: Arrive and leave when you want - come and learn the game, trade cards, snacks & drinks and have fun!)

**Wednesday 19th March: 4.45-7.30pm**

**£7.50**

Climbing and McDonald's afterwards at Gravity Rocks in Bluewater

**Tuesday 25th March: 4.45-7.45pm**

**£5.00**

Harry Potter Quiz! With prizes!! And Pizza!!! at The Panic Room, Gravesend

**Tuesday 1st April: 4.45-8pm**

**£7.50**

Trampolining with KFC afterwards at Gravity in Bluewater

**Friday 4th April: 4.45-7.30pm**

**£7.50**

Climbing with food afterwards at Gravity Rocks in Bluewater

**Saturday 5th April: 10.30am-1.30pm**

**£7.50**

Reptile Trail and Handling Session at Reuthe's in Sevenoaks

**Monday 7th April: 11am-2pm**

**£7.50**

Easter Trail at Knole Park in Sevenoaks

**Thursday 10th April: 11am-1.30pm** **£5.00**

Cycling and Mountain Biking at Cyclopark in Gravesend

**Saturday 12th April: 11am-2pm** **£5.00**

Board Games session with lunch at The Mug and Meeple in Gravesend

**Monday 14th April: 10.30am-1.30pm (Timings TBC)** **£5.00**

Watch Snow White at Bluewater Cinema **(AM showing)**

**Monday 14th April: 2.30-6pm (Timings TBC)** **£7.50**

Watch Snow White at Bluewater Cinema **(PM showing)** with food afterwards

**Tuesday 15th April: 5-8pm** **£2.50**

Pokemon Trading Card Game Club at The Mug and Meeple in Gravesend. (Relaxed: Arrive and leave when you want - come and learn the game, trade cards, snacks & drinks and have fun!)

**Tuesday 22nd April: 5.30-7.45pm** **£2.50**

Sevenoaks Youth Group including Creative Arts and Crafts with Creation Station & Games at Otford Village Memorial Hall in Sevenoaks

**Thursday 24th April: 5.30-8pm** **£5.00**

Karaoke and Pizza at The Panic Room in Gravesend

## Swale

**Monday 10th March: 6-7.30pm** **£2.50**

Collage Artwork workshop with Creation Station at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

**Wednesday 12th March: 11am-2pm** **£5.00**

The Home-ED Homies - T-shirt and Sketchbook design with the Creation Station at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

**Monday 17th March: 5-7.30pm** **£5.00**

Bowling and Pizza at The Light in Sittingbourne



<p><b>Saturday 22nd March: 11am-1.30pm</b></p> <p>Zentangles and Ceramic Tile artwork with Creation Station at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne</p>	<p><b>£5.00</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 26th March: 5-8pm</b></p> <p>The Pop-up Arcade is back! Play Xbox, Playstation, Switch and VR) at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne</p>	<p><b>£5.00</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 29th March: 10am-12.30pm</b></p> <p>Out to the Woods! Bug hunting, Hapa Zome and Den Building at Out to the Woods near Sittingbourne</p>	<p><b>£5.00</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 31st March: 6-7.30pm</b></p> <p>Paper Craft Workshop with origami and quilling with Creation Station at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne</p>	<p><b>£2.50</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 8th April: 3-5.30pm</b></p> <p>Easter Slime Making and Easter Snack Decorating with Creation Station at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne</p>	<p><b>£5.00</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 9th April: 10am-3pm</b></p> <p>Out to the Woods! Woodland craft and cooking on fire at Out to the Woods near Sittingbourne</p>	<p><b>£10.00</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 11th April: 9.30am-3pm</b></p> <p>Creed Outdoor Learning Centre (Outdoor Activities) in Teynham</p>	<p><b>£15.00</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 15th April: 11am-2.30pm</b></p> <p>Easter Arts and Crafts with Creation Station and Pizza making at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne</p>	<p><b>£5.00</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 16th April: 10am-3pm</b></p> <p>Out to the Woods! Learn about woodland wildlife and reptiles and also woodland crafts and fire building at Out to the Woods near Sittingbourne</p>	<p><b>£10.00</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 17th April: 9.30am-3pm</b></p> <p>Creed Outdoor Learning Centre (Outdoor Activities) in Teynham</p>	<p><b>£15.00</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 26th April: 9.30-11.30am</b></p> <p>STEAM - Reaction creations (fizzing clay volcanos, UV exposure artwork and chromatography) with Creation Station at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne</p>	<p><b>£5.00</b></p>

The financial contribution does not cover the whole cost of providing the break or activity but is a contribution at a similar amount to what all parents would pay for children's clubs and activities.

## Kent County Council - Short Breaks Information

We want everyone to be able to continue to enjoy Connect! Short Breaks. If contributing financially affects child attending, please speak to one of the Youth Programme Coordinators. We may be able to offer some concessions where finances are a barrier.

Young people can arrive 15 minutes early or leave 15 minutes later to settle in or to debrief after the activity.

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

[Request your space](#)

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

## **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.

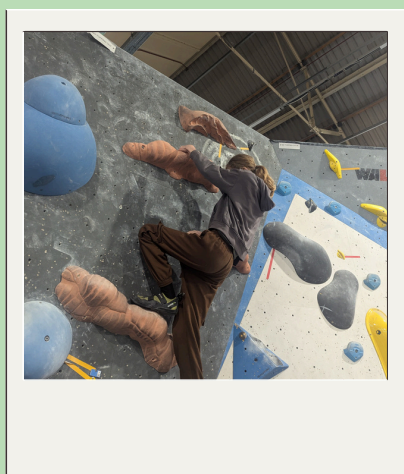


If you would like to find out more about this volunteer role, visit:  
<https://www.involvekent.org.uk/jobs/volunteer-youth-support-assistant/>

*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.*

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.

**Donate**



**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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