

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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We are currently recruiting for another Youth Programme Coordinator in Ashford, Folkestone & Dover:

<https://www.involvekent.org.uk/jobs/youth-programme-coordinator/>

We have had a very busy and fun filled summer holidays! We hope you have all had a fantastic break and are getting back into the school routine.



Maidstone, Tonbridge & Malling

Tuesday 8th October: 4.30-6.30pm

Create your own slime workshop at Snodland Community Centre

Wednesday 9th October: 5-6.30pm

Board game session with a variety of games at St Luke's Church in Maidstone. Enjoy playing a variety of board games with snacks and hot chocolate.

Monday 21st October: 10.30-1.30pm

Home Ed group session at Communigrow in Aylesford. A taster session harvesting vegetables and preparing our own lunch. Plus wildlife and garden activities .

Tuesday 22nd October: 5-7pm - FULLY BOOKED

Bowling session at Hollywood Bowl, Rochester

Wednesday 23rd October: 4.30-6.30pm - FULLY BOOKED

Amazing Animal Encounters visit at St Luke's, Maidstone

Monday 28th October: 9.30-4pm

Activity day at Lower Grange Farm in Maidstone. Activities are Nerf Wars, Go Karts, Bush Crafts and Footgolf. **FOR GO KARTS YOU MUST BE 10 OR OLDER**

Wednesday 30th October: 10.30-12.30pm

Pizza making session at Tonbridge Pizza Express (High Street location)

Thursday 31st October: 10am-5pm

Halloween Spooktacular day at Kent Life in Maidstone. Variety of different activities included in the day are: Seeing farm yard animals, magic show, trick or treating and much more. **Please be aware this is a standard day at Kent Life so will be busy, please be aware when booking. If parents wish to join, you will need to purchase your own tickets.**

Monday 7th November: 10-1pm

Home Ed group session craft day - Variety of different crafts to try out

Tunbridge Wells

Tuesday 15th October : 4.30-6.30pm

Relaxing diamond art session booked at Tunbridge Wells Family Hub (TBC)

Tuesday 29th October: 3 - 5pm

Chocolate making session at Temper Temper Chocolate in Southborough

Wednesday 30th October: 3.15-5.15pm

Spa Valley Railway - Dr Frankenslimes' Trick or Treat Express. Visit Dr Frankenslime's lab and enjoy a trip on the train from Tunbridge Wells West to the haunted Eridge Station. The organisers say this experience is aimed at younger people and not older teenagers but all are welcome.

Online groups

Thursday 10th October: 4.30-6pm

Minecraft - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

Thursday 17th October : 4:30-6pm

Among Us - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

Thursday 24th October: 4.30-6pm

Minecraft - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams

Thursday 14th November: 4.30-6pm

Minecraft - Online Gaming via Microsoft Teams



Swale

Monday 7th October: 6-7.15pm

Street Art Workshop. Create street art inspired by Banksy at Newington Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

Friday 11th October: 4.30-6pm

Learn Archery or develop and improve archery skills at Shepherd Park Plumford Rd, Faversham

Saturday 19th October: 10am-12.30pm

Cooking pizzas on campfires, willow weaving and bug hunting at Out to The Woods near Sittingbourne

Monday 21st October: 6-7.15pm

Halloween Arts and Crafts at Bobbing Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

Wednesday 23rd October: 5.30-7pm

Brickz 4 Kidz – Minecraft Lego Building including your own Lego minifigure to take home at Bobbing Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

Wednesday 30th October: 10am-3pm

Woodland Activities - celebrating learned and developed skills through the course at Out to The Woods near Sittingbourne

Monday 4th November: 6-7.15pm

Optical Illusion Art Workshop at Bobbing Cricket Club near Sittingbourne

Sevenoaks, Dartford & Gravesend

Thursday 10th October: 5-7.30pm

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice at Showcase Cinema at Bluewater

Monday 14th October: 5.30-7.15pm

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

Tuesday 15th October: 5-7.30pm

Pokémon Trading Card Game Club at The Mug and Meeple in Gravesend

Wednesday 16th October (evening timings TBC)

Visit to the The Stag Cinema in Sevenoaks (film TBC)

Saturday 26th October: 12-2.30pm

Pumpkin Picking at Stanhill Farm near Dartford

Monday 28th October: 11am-3pm

Spooktacular Halloween Trail and Pumpkin Carving at Reuthe's in Sevenoaks

Tuesday 29th October: 11.45am-4pm

Pirate Cove Adventure Golf (Smugglers Course) & Pizza Hut at Bluewater

Friday 1st November: 12-3pm

Play Board Games choosing from a massive selection at The Mug and Meeple in Gravesend

Canterbury, Thanet & Dover

Tuesday 8th October: 3.30-6.30pm

After School Club at Thanington Resource Centre, Canterbury - Mindful yoga session

Thursday 10th October: 3.30-6.30pm

Pop Up Arcade: Come and play Xbox, PlayStation, Switch and VR Headsets at Trinity Resource Centre in Margate

Tuesday 15th October: 3.30-6.30pm

After School Club at Thanington Resource Centre, Canterbury - Mindful yoga session

Thursday 17th October: 3.30-6.30pm

Brazilian Jujitsu at Trinity Resource Centre in Margate

Tuesday 22nd October: 3.30-6.30pm

After School Club at Thanington Resource Centre, Canterbury - Mindful yoga session

Thursday 24th October: 3.30-6.30pm

Brazilian Jujitsu and Halloween Craft at Trinity Resource Centre in Margate

Sunday 27th October: 10.30am-12.30pm OR 1.30-3.30pm

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.

Monday 28th October: 1pm (TIMINGS TBC)

Alpaca Trekking at Quex Park in Birchington on Sea

Tuesday 29th October: 5-7.30pm

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

Wednesday 30th October: 11am-12.30pm OR 2-3.30pm

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

Thursday 31st October: 11am-3.30pm

Rock climbing and scootering at Revolution Skatepark in Broadstairs

Thursday 31st October: 4.15pm-6.30pm

Trick or Treat trail at Quex Park in Birchington. Young people will receive a Halloween Treat as well as their own pumpkin to take home after they have been aboard the Slime Blaster Express.

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.

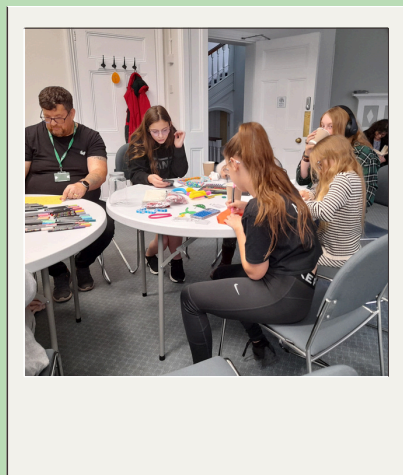
As a volunteer, you would provide invaluable support to the young people at groups and activities, helping them to feel comfortable and encouraging them to participate in new experiences.



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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