

YOUTH CONNEXIONS

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Services for Young People Youth Connexions “Enabling Young People to Succeed”



- Youth Connexions is part of the SfYP.
- The overarching objective of SfYP “is to prepare young people to make a successful transition to adult and working life” and improve the outcomes for young people.

Aims of Youth Connexions

- To develop young people's **personal and social skills** through a range of youth work opportunities.
- To support vulnerable young people aged 13 -19 years (25 years for some groups such as care leavers and young people with learning disabilities) receive **targeted support** to enable them to reach their potential.
- To support young people to stay and progress in learning until age 18, minimising the numbers that are not in Education, Employment or Training (**NEET**).
- To enable young people to access the appropriate **advice, guidance** and **support** to enable them to make the right learning and job choices.
- To **reduce** referrals to specialist services.
- To **support** young people to become more resilient.

Youth Connexions

Youth Connexions consists of two main areas of work:

- Youth Work
- Information, Advice and Guidance

Youth Work Priorities

Youth Connexions targets resources where they have most impact (in line with the statutory guidance):

- Target young people in a locality of need e.g. area of high deprivation, high levels of anti-social behaviour or where there is a high risk of young people engaging in risky behaviour.
- Target young people from vulnerable groups.
- Engage young people in decision making processes through youth forums, youth councils, youth issue groups and steering groups.
- Involve young people in their communities through volunteering and social action projects.
- Provide youth work opportunities on Friday and Saturday evenings (particularly linking with first point).

Youth Work

Why is youth work important?

- There is a strong link between young people's personal and social development and life outcomes, including educational attainment, health, employment status and behaviour.
- It recognises that youth work is key to the development of these skills and capabilities “through the provision of developmental educational opportunities: space for young people to actively learn, to participate, and to take responsibility”.

(Work of the Young Foundation in partnership with the Department of Education July 2012)

Personal Advisers, Employment Training Advisers, Youth Workers and Youth Support Workers, work in:



- *Schools*
- *Colleges*
- *Extended KS4 Centre*
- *One Stop Shops/Access Points*
- *Youth Centres*
- *Community Buildings*
- *Detached Work*
- *Outreach Work*
- *One to One Work*
- *Group Work*
- *Will work anywhere where young people gather*

TARGETS

Youth Work Targets:

- Contact & Participation
- Accreditation & Recorded Outcomes
- % Friday and Saturday evening delivery

IAG Targets:

- September Guarantee
- Lost Contacts
- NEETS

Youth Connexions Work is Evidence Based



- Young Peoples Needs Analysis Conference (YPNAC)
- Annual Evaluation Planning Process (AEPP)
- Ongoing Consultation with young people
- Feedback from partners
- National and Local data

Youth Centres in Dacorum

- Bennetts End Youth Centre
- Markyate Youth Centre
- Tring Youth Centre
- XC Project
- Adventure Playground Projects
- Schools

Breadth of The Youth Work Offer

- Offer is reviewed regularly to ensure that it meets the needs of the young people.
- Sessions are well planned with clear outcomes linked to issues which are important to young people
- Personal and social development opportunities are delivered using whatever medium which suits the interest of the young people e.g sports, art, music etc

Breadth of the Youth Work Offer

- Centre Based
- Detached
- Outreach
- In Schools
- Youth Councils, Support Groups, Forums, Steering Groups
- Volunteering and social action projects e.g. National Citizen Service, Make a Difference
- Specific projects targeting young people from vulnerable groups
- Residential
- Peer education projects
- Music events

Youth Provision in Dacorum (Mixture of Provision & Issues)

- IAG
- NEETS
- Lost Contact
- Work Experience
- National Citizen Service
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Live Music Gigs
- Open MIC Nights
- Democracy Events
- Drugs and smoking
- Alcohol
- Sexual health and relationships
- Emotional Wellbeing including bullying and cyber bullying

Youth Provision in Dacorum (Mixture of Provision & Issues)

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- Youth engagement including youth councils, forums, UKYP, Herts1125, decision making, volunteering
- Volunteering
- Benefits Advice
- Residentials & Holiday Provision
- Youth crime and personal safety
- Ethnicity, diversity and culture
- Health and fitness
- Resilience
- Film Editing
- Still Photography
- Music Workshops
- Music Technology Workshop
- Stress / Anger Management Workshops

Data and Feedback

In 2013/14 through the delivery of youth work projects Youth Connexions achieved the following:

- Attendance = 10,000
- Recorded & Accredited Outcomes Achieved: 2,124

Young Peoples Feedback

I am better at getting involved and helping others 78%

I am more positive about the future and that I can make things happen in my life 80%

I feel good about myself and I am not afraid to be an individual 88%

I think about what I want to do with respect to education, training or work 82%

I am better at expressing myself, listening to others and coping with conflict 77%

I am better at staying out of trouble and making sensible decisions 78%

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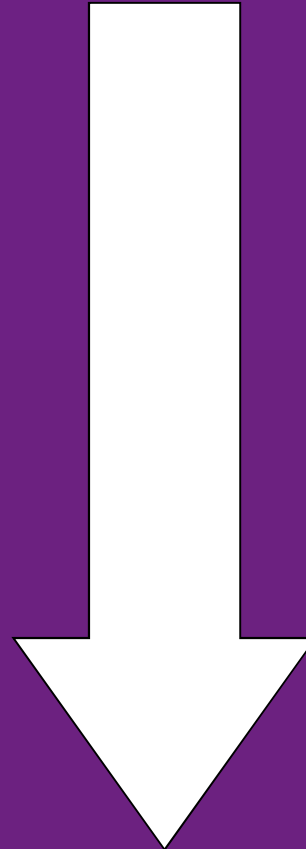
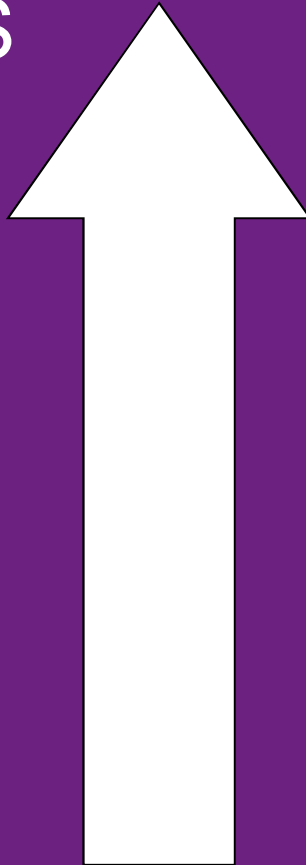
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IAG DATA

Lost Contacts & NEETS

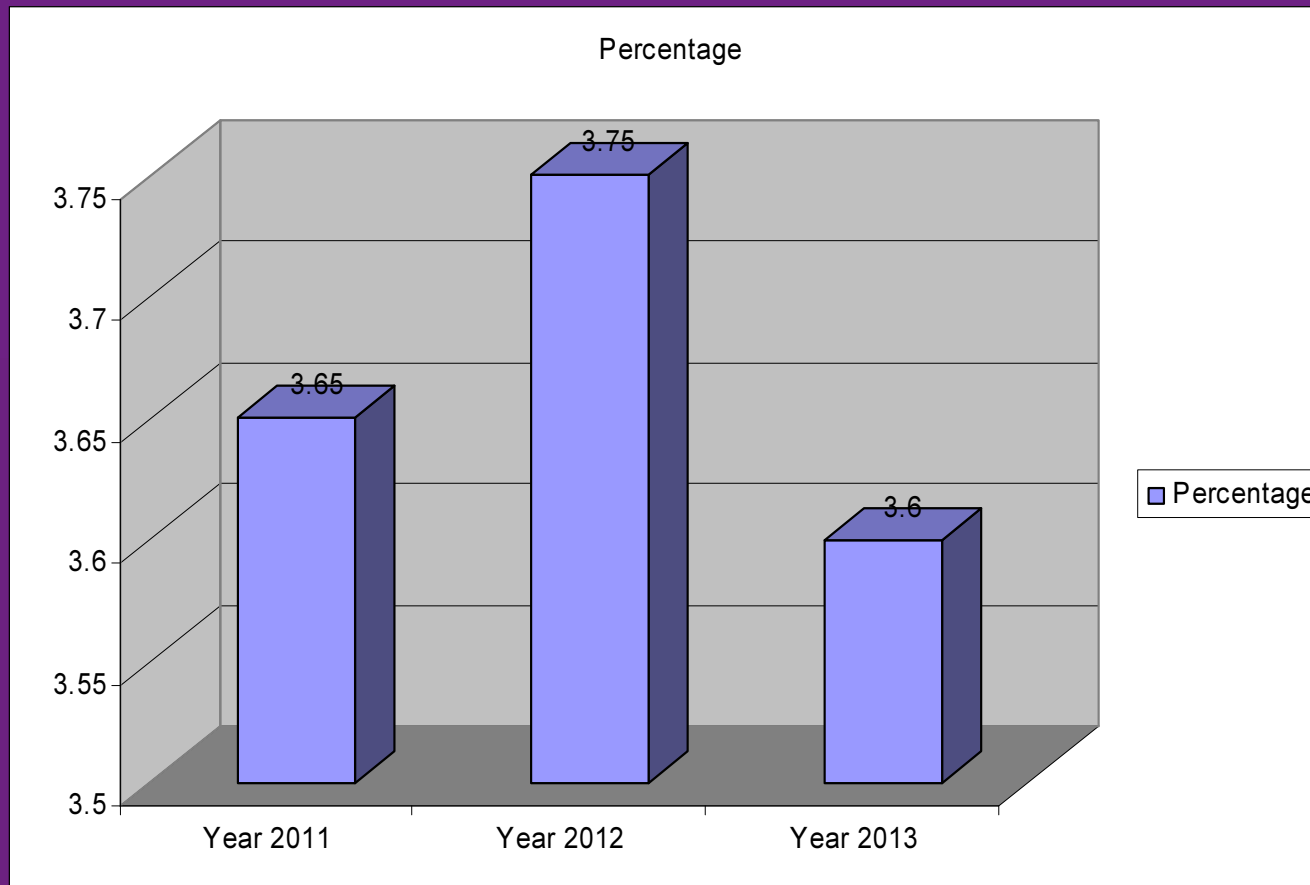
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NEETS



Lost Contact

NEET % 2011-2012-2013 Comparison



Wards with the Highest NEETS

- Highfield 13
- Adeyfield 12
- Apsley 12
- Grovehill 9
- Leverstock Green 9

Top Sectors requested by Young People

- Warehousing
- Construction
- Retail

How do PA's and ETA's reduce these rates?

- Identifying young people early and working with them in schools and One Stop Shops
- Keeping in contact with all young people – by phoning, texting and home visits.
- Offering interviews for careers guidance, personal development, employability skills and job searching.
- Intelligence on the ground
- Working with Partners
- PAs helping young people overcome their barriers.

Partners

- Dacorum Borough Council
- Parish Councils
- Pro-Action
- Police
- Health
- Job Centre Plus
- Training Providers
- Community Action Dacorum
- Voluntary/Community/Faith Groups
- Community Safety Partnership
- Elected Members, District Cllrs & Parish Cllrs

Partnership Working

- Ensure Young People Have a Voice & Make a Difference
- Identify Barriers to Young People's Achievements
- Avoid Duplication of Work
- Identify Gaps in Provision
- Share Resources
- Identify Hot Spots & Take Effective Action

Budget

- Funding from HCC for delivery staff, not including venues.
- Traded Income
- Grants

Developments

- Traded Service
- Work Experience
- Out of Court Disposal
- National Citizen Service
- Career Events

Looked after
Young People

Dacorum Youth
Forum

NEETS

Youth
Councils

Communication Skills

School Councils

Leadership Skills

Dacorum Youth
Development
Council
(DYDC)

Facilitation Skills

Isolated/Shy
Young People

Faith / BME
Groups

Young Carers
Support Groups

Presentation Skills

Young People
with Special
Needs



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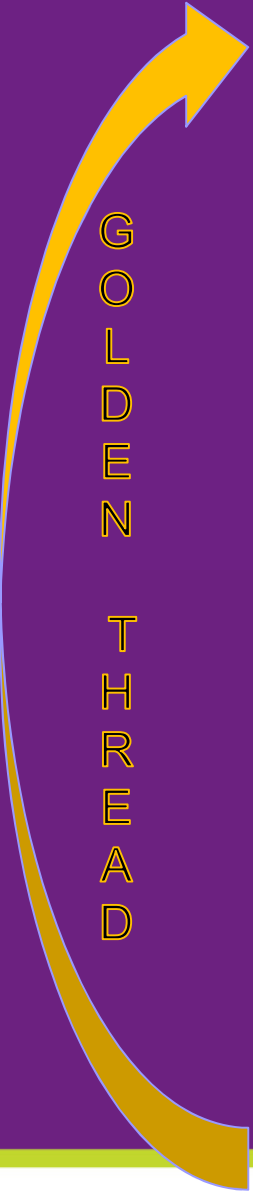
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District
(Youth Forum)

Parish / Town
(Youth Councils)

Neighbourhood / Locality Group

Secondary Schools
(School Councils)



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How Can DBC Support Youth Connexions

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- Delivery Premises
- Promotional Opportunities
- Effective Youth Participation
- Equipment / Resources Funding
- Joint Working
- Events

Thank you for listening

Any Questions?