

# **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):

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# 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 what ever 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)

- 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%

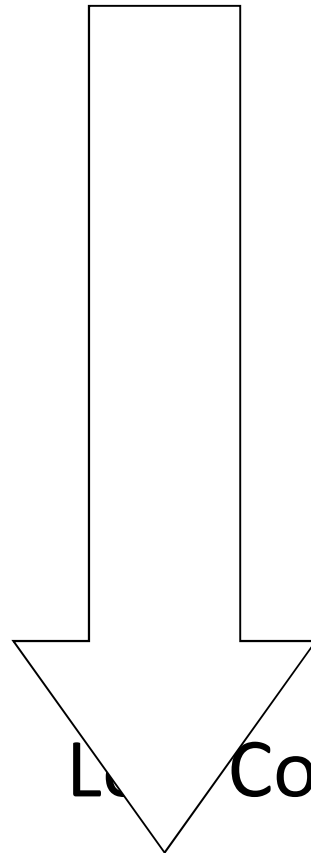
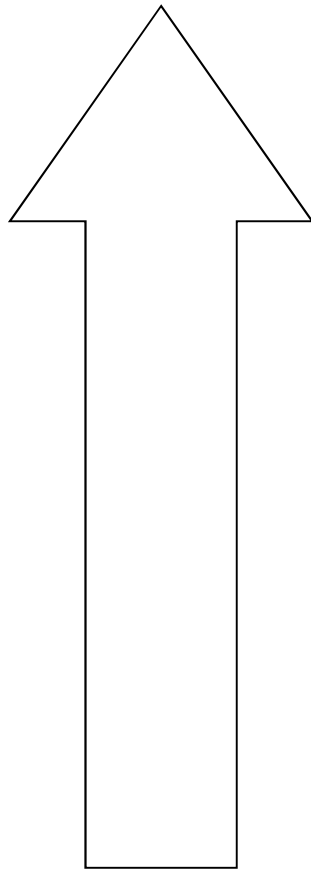


Journey

Young  
Person's  
Journey

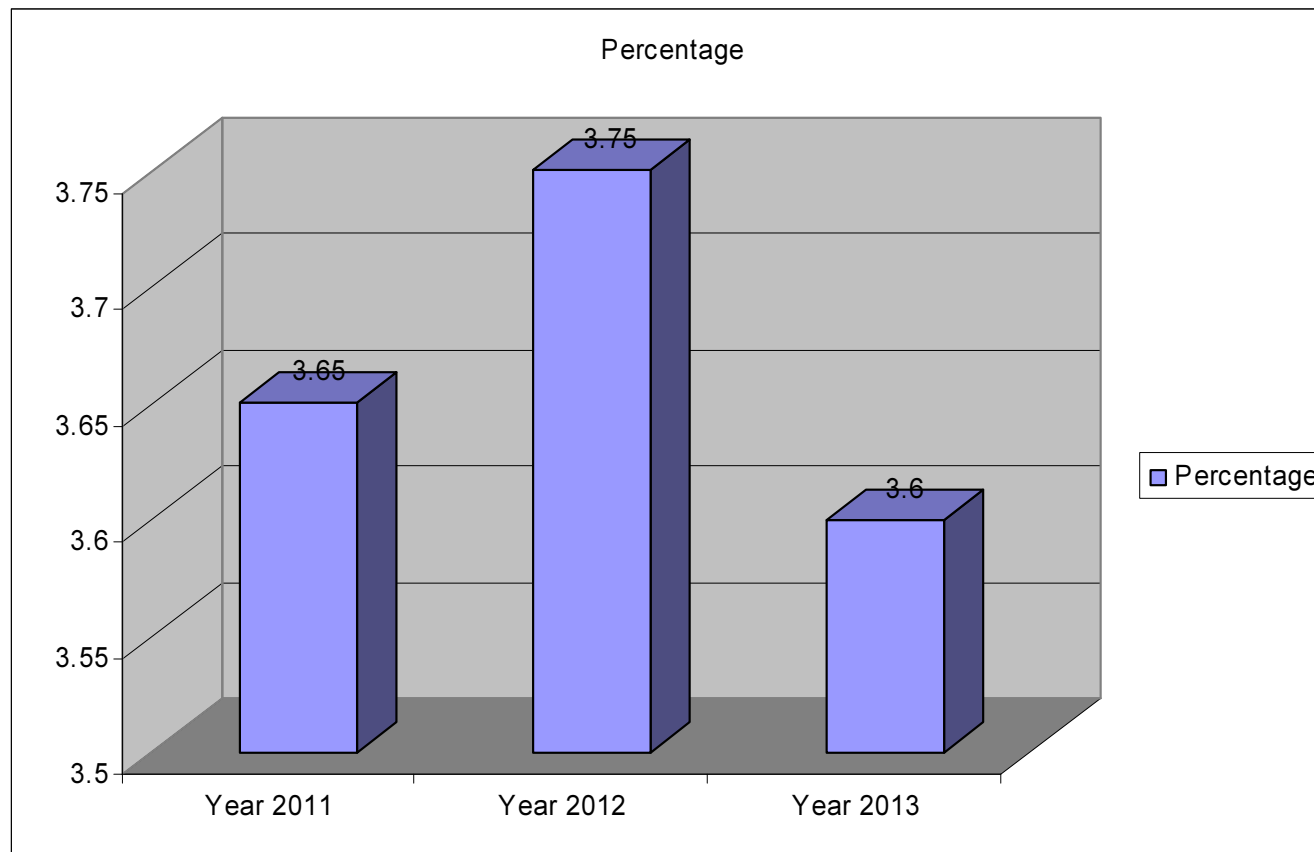
IAG DATA  
Lost Contacts & NEETS

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

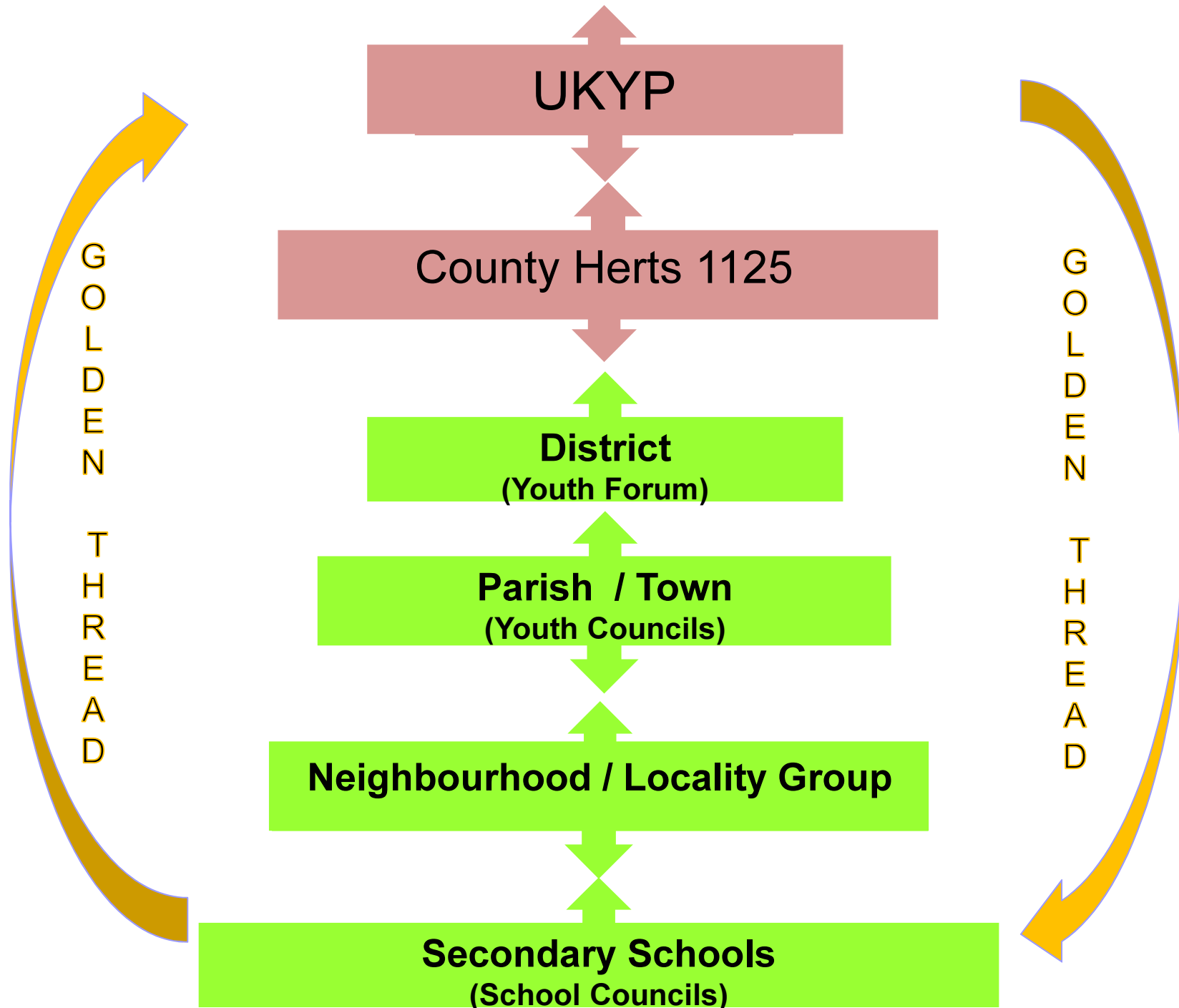
Isolated/Shy  
Young People

Faith / BME  
Groups

Young Carers  
Support Groups

## Presentation Skills

Young People  
with Special  
Needs



# How Can DBC Support Youth Connexions

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

Thank you for listening

Any Questions?