

Youth and Connexions Service: Youth & Connexions Centres

The Centres offer mainstream provision to all young people, providing programmes of group and individual activities which encourage personal and social development to young people 13–19 years old (up to 25 years for young people with disabilities). In addition, specialist work is undertaken within the centres as detailed below:

W13 Youth & Connexions Centre

Churchfield Road, West Ealing W13 9NF

Tel: 020 8567 2821, Centre Manager - Karen Jenkins

The W13 has a strong focus on inclusion work and is the base for the Service's Disability Project. The Disability Project develops opportunities for young people with a disability and provides support to individuals and groups.

Bollo Brook Youth Centre

Bollo Bridge Road, South Acton Estate, Acton, W3 8QT

Tel: 020 8992 9835, Centre Manager - James Easterling

Bollo Brook Youth Centre is a centre of excellence for music development. Young people can engage in practising recording, engineering, lyric writing and the use of instruments.

Ken Acock Youth & Community Centre

Carr Road, Northolt UB5 4RQ

Tel: 020 8423 9835, Project Worker - Albie Stadtmiller

Ken Acock Youth & Community Centre provides a base for the Positive Activities for Young People Project (PAYP) which operates a programme of holiday provision and weekly Saturday sessions for targeted young people (See PAYP)

Young Adult Centre

Park View Road, Southall UB1 3HJ

Tel: 020 8571 0685, Centre Manager - Jeff Campbell

Project Workers - Manjit Shergill & Raj Chagger

The Centre offers expertise around the use of ICT. The YAC has an ICT suite with a bank of networked PCs with broadband connectivity to the internet. This facility is a UK Online Learning Centre.

In addition the Centre has a focus on work with Somali young people, and is working to develop broader expertise in assisting the integration of refugees into society. The Service's Personal Advisor specialising in work with young people not in education, training and employment is based in the Centre together with our Personal Advisor linking the Service's work with the borough's schools.

Youth and Connexions Service: Project based work

Connexions

For more information on Connexions, visit:

www.connexions.gov.uk or www.connexions-londonwest.com

Ealing Connexions Centre: (020) 8579 1633

Southall Connexions Centre: (020) 8571 4615

Provider address: Youth and Connexions Service, Perceval House, 14-16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL

Tel: (020) 8825 5777

Detached project

This project is funded through neighbourhood renewal. It works with 'hard to reach' young people through detached work contacts on four estates. Its purpose is to bring about crime diversion, social inclusion and community cohesion, through the development of a varied programme of activities.

Address: Via the Youth and Connexions Service, Perceval House, 14-16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL

Tel: (020) 8825 9525

Drugs and crime project

The drugs and crime project provides activities to assist crime diversion and drugs awareness training to 'at risk' young people, through outreach work on estates and work with the Youth Offending Service.

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Tel: (020) 8825 5777

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The scheme is run in partnership with the voluntary sector, supporting young people in taking part and completing activities to achieve bronze, silver and gold awards. For more information about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award visit www.theaward.org

Address: Cornucopia Ctre, Spikes Bridge Road, Southall UB1 2AS
Tel: (020) 8571 9150

Ealing Youth Counselling and Information Service (EYCIS)

EYCIS offers a free and confidential counselling service to young people aged 14-25. Referrals to the service come from in-house provision and other agencies as well as through self-referral. EYCIS also operates a one-to-one counselling service in most high schools across the borough.

Address: EYCIS, 55 High Street, Acton W3 6NH
Tel: (020) 8992 8182
Email: ealingycis@ealing.gov.uk

Estates initiative

The estates initiative is a partnership project between the Youth and Connexions Service and Housing and Social Services to provide youth clubs on seven targeted estates across the borough.

The estates initiative work is focused and targeted at young people displaying anti-social behaviour. Each of the seven locations offer a different programme of activities and facilities.

Address: The W13 Social Club, Churchfield Road, Ealing W13 9NF
Tel: (020) 8567 2821

New arrivals

The new arrivals project provides guidance and advice to young refugees and asylum seekers and supports them in gaining access to education, training and employment.

Address: Young Adult Centre, Park View Road, Southall UB1 3HJ
Tel: (020) 8574 7532

Horizons Project

The Horizons project is a partnership with housing and social services. It provides a drop-in for care leavers, offering help in developing life skills and support for entry to education, employment and training.

Address: Horizons Centre, 15 Cherington Road, Hanwell W7 3HL

Participation project

The participation project leads in developing the Youth and Connexions Service's work in participation and involving young people in the local democratic process. It has worked and supported young people to develop a youth forum in the borough.

Address: Young Adult Centre, Park View Road, Southall, Middlesex UB1 3HT
Tel: (020) 8571 0685

Positive activities for young people (PAYP)

The PAYP project provides exciting and challenging holiday and weekend provision including residentials, multi-use games area sessions in the summer and indoor sports in the winter as well as concentrated activities for the six week summer holidays and half term breaks. The purpose of the project is to achieve crime diversion, community cohesion and social inclusion by bringing together, through referral, young people who are 'hard to reach'. It provides information, advice and support to young people around education, employment and training.

Address: Via Ken Acock Youth and Community Centre, Carr Road, Northolt UB5 4RQ
Tel: (020) 8423 5190

Voluntary sector

The service works in partnership with the voluntary sector providing support, training and grant aid. The voluntary sector forum (support network group) meets four times per year.

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14-16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL

Tel: (020) 8825 5777

Your Zone

Your Zone provides a safe space for young lesbian, gay and bisexual people to meet and socialise. It runs programmes to enable young people to develop the skills to make informed decisions and choices and offers one-to-one information, advice and support.

Address: Via eycis, 55 High Street, Acton W3 6NH

Tel: (020) 8896 3673

Youth Offending Service (YOS)

A Youth and Connexions Service youth worker is located in the YOS team. While covering some general responsibilities within the YOS, including a small caseload and court attendance reports, the worker addresses behaviour management through group and one-to-one work, supporting progression into education, employment and training.

Address: 2 Cheltenham Place, Acton W3 8JS

Tel: (020) 8993 9555