



Exhibitor Focus



ABOUT THE CONNECT PROJECT

The Connect Project is part of Voluntary Action Orkney, which provides advice, information and practical services. The Connect Project is aimed at young people of school leaving age who are unsure or anxious about their next steps. The young people who could be supported by Connect could have needed additional support at school, are facing upheaval in their living situation or they may feel isolated, disengaged or unmotivated about the future.

Connect works with each young person to plan a programme of support that will build confidence and skills and help with the transition to the next stage of life, whether that is full-time education, employment or living independently.

HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT

A formal referral process is in place for the Connect Project which can be accessed by school or college staff, careers advisers.

Family or carer of the young person can also make a referral.

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

Connect has a person-centred approach, working with individuals or small groups.

The activities offered are built on the young person's own interests. They help to work on social and communication strategies to help manage situations the young person may find difficult. They also build friendships and support networks.

Activities include a focus on wellbeing, creativity and volunteering, to help build confidence and the skills to take the next step.

WHO CAN ACCESS SUPPORT

The Connect Project is open to young people aged 15-21 years.

It is for individuals with additional support needs, this can include those who have had significant support from Guidance or Learning Support in school, but can also include those who on leaving school face issues that mean they need additional support to manage their next steps.

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