

Introducing you to



Connect & Create is a dynamic programme of creative group sessions for adults with additional needs on the Isle of Wight aged 16 plus. These sessions are designed to enhance social opportunities, while also providing worthwhile and meaningful projects for each participant to engage with. Timetables are flexible based on the individual requirements of each service user

Service:

All individual activities offered are created completely with our service users. Sessions we are currently delivering include:

- Connect & Make – arts and crafts sessions with a purpose, selling the seasonal crafts that we make
- Connect & Grow – planting and growing in our countryside garden in Rookley
- Connect & Move – healthy living activities including yoga, gym, swimming and outdoor walks
- Connect & Glow – immersive sensory sessions in our dark room with lights, music, tactile sensory activities etc
- Youth Club – social opportunities for teens with additional needs
- Stay & Play – meet ups for families with disabled children
- Big Night Out – social events for young adults with additional needs

Programme of sessions offered is likely to grow and expand as the service grows. Listed above are the original sessions provided through Connect & Create

Participants are involved in all areas of project delivery in order that they can build experience and confidence. This will improve their abilities to make positive choices about their lives, and feel a sense of empowerment and self-achievement

Participants are able to self-select their timetable based on their individual interests. This means we may have a variety of activities taking place at any one time. Furthermore service users are able to choose what specific activities they participate in during each session in order that we can

Aims:

- We aim to empower adults and children with additional needs on the Isle of Wight
- We aim to develop and maintain excellent relationships with parents and carers in order that they can feel assured that we are providing the best possible service for each of our Service Users
- We work alongside other organisations, not in competition but in harmony – encouraging integration and inclusion for all individuals with additional needs
- We encourage supported decision making to ensure that our Service Users are given real freedom of choice. For us, the welfare of each individual lies at the very core of our delivery
- We aim to improve health and wellbeing, and skills for work and life for all participants of this project
- We are committed to driving positive outcomes for young people

Registration Procedure:

First contact is made when the parent, carer or Care Manager contacts the Leadership Team, at which point we exchange key information regarding the particular service they require

A Registration Meeting with the parent/carers is then set up to talk through in more detail the specific requirements and to fill in the Information Pack. These completed forms will be placed in the Service User's Personal File

At this initial meeting, the parent/carers of the individual we are supporting will be given our Terms and Conditions of Service document which outlines:

1. Who we are
2. Service Charges
3. Hours of Business
4. Invoices
5. Additional Costs
6. Changes to Support
7. Registration
8. Information Sharing
9. Quality Control
10. Staff Absence
11. Concerns
12. Record Keeping
13. Insurance
14. Compliance
15. Cancellation

Further Information:

Each session will have a session leader, nominated beforehand by management. The session leader is responsible for making sure that all risk assessments for each activity have been completed before the start of the session. Risk Assessments for each activity are kept in the Connect & Create file

Every activity will be constantly monitored and evaluated so that we can ensure that it remains relevant and dynamic

If you would like to find out more then please contact Jenny on 07875 949 584 or email jenny@connectiow.com

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