

# THE CONNECTIONS BUS PROJECT



providing youth services across Cambridgeshire...  
...even during Covid restrictions





*find out how we  
can work with young  
people in your area*

in a normal year...

 **100%**  
enjoy the youth bus

**17**   
average attendance  
at a youth bus session

 **84%**  
of conversations with a  
youth worker had helped

for **56%**   
the Connections bus is the **only**  
youth activity they attend

**30**   
Pot Noodles  
eaten each week  
on the youth bus

 **97%**  
find youth workers on  
the bus easy to talk  
to

Things may be different this year, but young people still need somewhere safe to be with friends and guidance when things aren't going well.

# hello...

**W**e are the Connections Bus Project, and have been providing youth work in Cambridgeshire since 1995. We have a team of specially-trained youth workers and usually deliver a wide range of services that provide a safe and friendly place for young people to spend time with friends. 2020 has been an exceptionally difficult year for everyone, including young people.

While we can't currently use our bespoke double-deck buses to provide a space for young people to meet, there's still a lot we are doing - and would love to offer these services to young people in your area. Read on to find out more.

We're a registered charity run by our Project Manager, Alan, who is assisted by part-time youth workers, an assistant manager, administrator and volunteers. All our work comes under the supervision of our Trustees. We are members of Cambridge Council of Voluntary Services and Hunts Forum.



## so how can we help?

### DETACHED YOUTH WORK

Street-based youth workers work in areas where young people meet in order to build positive relationships with them, leading to opportunities to give advice and information. This has been particularly successful outside a village college at the end of the day, checking in with young people & being a listening ear. It's a vital link for young people during Covid restrictions - we can continue this work during lockdown.



*cost per afternoon  
or evening*



*ideally weekly,  
at times to suit  
your parish*



*delivered during Covid  
restrictions (weather  
permitting)*

### BABYSITTING COURSE

This tailor-made course helps young people (14-19) gain a basic level of knowledge & understanding in looking after other people's children. Offering practical and hands-on experience, they complete a portfolio and receive a certificate on completion of the course, including Basic First Aid. Young people are then expected to offer their babysitting services to families in the community. We have seen over 900 young people successfully complete this during the last 10 years, and have adapted it so we can run it in person or via Zoom.



*10 sessions,  
delivered weekly*



*priced per course  
(14 young people max)*



*delivered in person  
or online*

### GENERATION GAME COURSE

Helping young people gain the understanding and knowledge to help when volunteering with older people, and often run in conjunction with a local care home. Like the babysitting course, they'll complete a portfolio and receive a certificate on completion, including Basic First Aid and Dementia Friends. Young people are encouraged to find opportunities to volunteer with elderly people during and following the course.



*10 sessions,  
delivered weekly*



*priced per course  
(14 young people max)*



*delivered in person  
or online*

### OUR YOUTH BUSES & YOUTH ZONES

Sadly, current restrictions mean we can't use our youth buses. They're specially designed to give young people somewhere safe to hang out - with games consoles, a tuck shop and karaoke, as well as trained youth workers who can listen and offer advice. Once restrictions are lifted, get in touch to see how this could work for you.



*cost per afternoon  
or evening*



*special events during  
summer holidays*



*delivered all year round,  
whatever the weather!*

## get in touch

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**“...this vital and much-valued facility offers a safe, supportive environment for our young people to meet.”**

local parish council

**“The bus has given my son more confidence socially and he’s benefiting from the opportunities that the bus provides.”**

parent

**“I could not thank you guys enough for all that you’ve done and how you’ve helped us grow into more empathetic and understanding young people.”**

Generation Game participant