

THE CONNECTIONS BUS PROJECT

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I trust you had a good Christmas and New Year. I'm writing to introduce you to the Connections Bus Project. We're a local charity, established in the early 1990s, who provide youth services throughout Cambridgeshire. Now, more than ever, young people are in need of help and support - and this is where we come in.

Before Coronavirus caused many things to come to a sudden stop last spring, we were busy making use of our bespoke double deck buses - which are kitted out to provide a perfect space for young people to hang out in - supporting young people in all sorts of ways. We were also running a series of courses that were proving extremely popular, and giving young people skills, confidence and a portfolio to take them further in life.

Even though we've all had to adjust how we do things, and some things are 'on pause', it's important to remember that the needs of young people are still present. For some, things are even more difficult during this period of great uncertainty. We've enclosed a leaflet that shows the range of work we do, including a number of things we can help you with in a Covid-secure way.

I also wanted to share with you the great story of Abbie, who recently took part in one of our Generation Game courses. Abbie applied to work at a local care home and took her Generation Game portfolio with her. She spent most of her interview telling them about the project, what she learnt and how much she had enjoyed it. Abbie was very excited to be offered the job and works after school one night a week and at the weekends caring for the residents. Abbie's confidence has grown so much - she is bubbly, outgoing and will be a huge asset to the team at the care home.

It's just one of many success stories that we're so pleased to be involved with, and we'd love to help young people in your parish. Our project manager, Alan Webb, would be delighted to hear from you to find out more about your area. He can be reached on the phone number or email address above. We're also looking at a new option of providing youth services in locations that may not be so well suited to having one of our buses visit - instead, we'd make use of an existing space in the parish (e.g. a village or church hall) and arrive with all the equipment and material needed in a specially fitted-out van. If this is something you may be interested in, please do get in touch as well.

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