

# Projects & provision in your area

## Youth centres

The centres offer inclusive 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 24 years for young people with disabilities). In addition, specialist work is undertaken within the centres as detailed below:

- 1 W13 Youth and Connexions Centre**  
Churchfield Road  
West Ealing W13 9NF  
Tel 020 8567 2821

The centre focuses on inclusion work, providing a varied weekly programme including a session for young women, music production and dance session. W13 also offers fashion design to rival the major fashion houses. It is the base for Ealing Youth and Connexions' disability project to develop opportunities for young people with disabilities and provide support to individuals and groups.

- 2 Bollo Brook Youth and Connexions Centre**  
Bollo Bridge Road  
South Acton Estate  
Acton W3 8DT  
Tel 020 8992 9835

This is a statutory youth centre in the South Acton Estate that specialises in arts-based youth activities, boasting extensive recording studio facilities which are used for a wide variety of projects with young people. This specialist work is complemented by an extensive programme of socially educative, recreational and advice and guidance based activities. The centre is also used for daytime programmes with young people who are not in mainstream education, delivered in partnership with other voluntary and statutory sector organisations.

- 3 Ken Acock Youth and Community Centre**  
Carr Road  
Northolt UB5 4RQ  
Tel 020 8423 9835

The Ken Acock Youth & Community Centre is a purpose-designed building for young people within the Northolt area. The centre holds sessions for young people during various times of the week and weekends. Two generic sessions are held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Ken Acock is also the base for holiday and weekend programmes.

- 4 Young Adult Centre**  
Park View Road  
Southall UB1 3HJ  
Tel 020 8571 0685

The centre provides a range of weekly youth work sessions, including an after-school club, a football project and a Somali young people's project. The Young Adult Centre has an ICT learning centre and a sound recording studio for those budding music artists. The Youth and Connexions Service also uses the centre as the base for its participation project. Other work at the centre includes daytime use by partner organisations.

- 5 Visions Youth Club**  
Featherstone High School  
Montague Way, Western Road  
Southall UB2 5PA  
Tel 020 8571 0685

General youth activities such as cooking, table tennis and pool take place during Tuesday and Thursday evening sessions. Visions offers a nice relaxed atmosphere to chill out and meet friends.

- 6 Acton Vale Community Centre**  
Beech Avenue  
Acton  
Tel 07912 580 162

This project supports young people and residents becoming involved in youth activities in their housing estate. Young people's achievements can be accredited for example through the Youth Achievement Awards accreditation scheme. The generic youth session takes every Tuesday evening.

- 7 Rectory Park Youth and Community Centre**  
Greenhill Gardens  
Northolt UB5  
Tel 07960 595 660

This project supports young people and residents becoming involved in youth activities on their housing estate. There are two sessions per week - Girls' night every Tuesday and generic youth session takes place every Wednesday evening. This building is fully accessible but with no specialized facilities. Please call with specific needs and we can advise on suitability.

## Project based work

- 8 Teenage Pregnancy and Sexual Health Project**  
55 High Street  
Acton W3 6NH  
Tel 020 8896 3673/07958 658223

The project supports young people's sexual health by providing one to one or group work sessions on contraception advice, condoms, sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, puberty and signposting to services. Support is also provided for pregnant teenagers and young parents eg. midwifery, childcare and benefits.

- 9 Horizons Education and Achievement Centre**  
15 Cherington Road  
Hanwell W7 3HL  
Tel 020 8537 4940

Horizons is part of Ealing Social Services Leaving Care Programme in partnership with Ealing Youth and Connexions Service. The centre offers young people in care and those who have recently left care, a 'safe space' where they can get support whilst engaging in the process of leaving care. In an informal and relaxed environment young people can share experiences, seek information, help and advice in order to plan and prepare for independent living.

- 10 Forward Steps Project**  
55 High Street  
Acton W3 6NH  
Tel 020 8896 3673/07940 182 674

The Forward Steps Project is a crime prevention and diversion project that works with young people to educate and inform them about the consequences and repercussions of getting involved with crime and anti-social behaviour. It works with young people from a range of different settings, including schools, the Youth Offending Service, youth projects and centres. The project also runs its own Peer Mentor Programme and holds an annual community safety event in the borough.

- 11 Disability Project**  
c/o W13 Youth and Connexions Centre  
Churchfield Road, West Ealing W13 9NF  
Tel 020 8567 2821

The project develops opportunities for young people with a disability and provides support to individuals and groups. Young people can take part in a number of activities including sports, art and crafts, dance, drama and cooking. There are special activities during half term and school holidays.

- 12 Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DoE) - for ages 14 to 25**  
Carnucopia Centre, Spikes Bridge Road  
Southall UB1 2AS  
Tel 020 8571 9150

DoE offers young people a challenging adventure that is rewarding, fun and exciting. They will be able to meet new people, learn new skills, develop physical fitness and make a difference to their community. They can undertake programmes at three levels: accredited Bronze, Silver or Gold DoE's Award. Gaining the DoE's Award can benefit young people's employment prospects and assist applications to college and university.

- 13 Participation Project**  
c/o Young Adult Centre  
Park View Road  
Southall UB1 3HJ  
Tel 020 8571 0685

The Participation Project leads in developing the Service's work on youth engagement, where young people can influence decisions made about future services, by involving them in the democratic processes. It has worked and supported young people to develop the borough's youth forum, Ealing Youth Action, representing the voice of young people. Young people can also champion the views of their peers by becoming the youth mayor and national representatives of Ealing at the UK Youth Parliament.

- 14 Your Zone**  
55 High Street  
Acton  
London W3 6NH  
Tel 020 8896 3673

Your Zone provides a safe space for young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or not sure of their gender or sexual identity 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 including sexual health matters.

- 15 Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP)/Summer Uni Ealing**  
Tel 020 8825 8226/07960 595 661

The Summer Uni provides a range of positive activities that provide new, exciting learning experiences that challenge and stimulate young people. Courses are open to young people aged 11-19 years (up to 24 years for young people with disabilities). Courses fall into one of six categories: arts and fashion; business study and careers; digital media, film and photography; life skills; music and performing arts; and sport, fitness and wellbeing.

At other times of the year Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) provides half-term and holiday provision including sports, arts and performing arts programmes.

- 16 Neighbourhood Project Northolt**  
c/o Ken Acock Youth and Community Centre  
Carr Road  
Northolt UB5 4RQ  
Tel 020 8423 9835

- 17 Neighbourhood Project Acton**  
c/o Bollo Brook Youth and Connexions Centre  
Bollo Bridge Road  
South Acton Estate, Acton W3 8QT  
Tel 020 8992 4001 or 07912580162

Youth and Connexions has developed a new approach to the delivery of youth work in two areas in the borough, Acton and Northolt. The aim of the work is to increase young people's access to activities and services. The role of the neighbourhood worker is to link with voluntary/community groups, schools and other organisations, both statutory and voluntary, that are in touch with young people aged 13 to 19 in order to support existing projects and also develop new initiatives in line with young people's identified needs.

## Connexions

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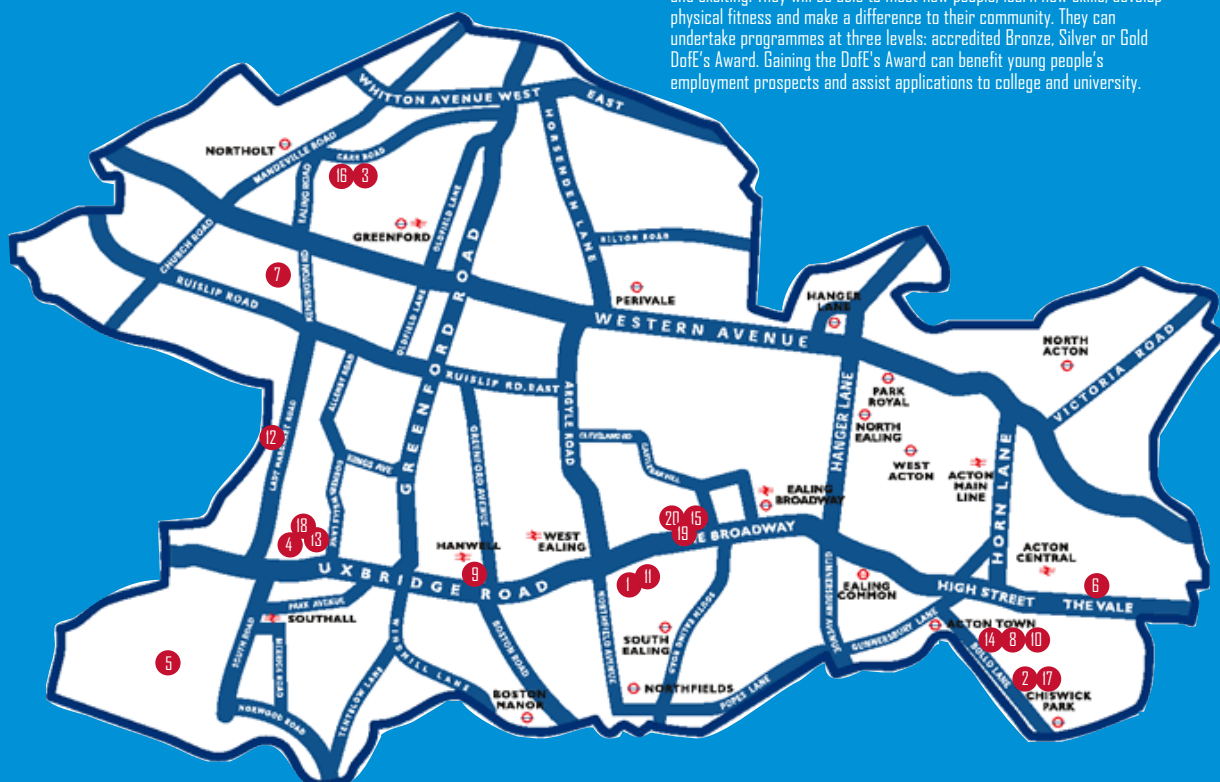
Connexions PAs are based in schools and colleges and are also available in the following areas

- 18 Connexions Centre**  
Young Adult Centre, Park View Road, Southall, UB1 3HJ  
Tel 020 8571 4615  
**Northolt:**  
Various locations and times for information please call 020 8825 5777  
**Acton:**  
Various locations and times for information please call 020 8825 5777  
**Central:**  
Various locations and times for information please call 020 8825 5777

- 19 Head office**  
Youth, Connexions and Play Service  
Perceval House  
14-16 Uxbridge Road  
Ealing W5 2HL  
Tel 020 8825 5777

- 20 Voluntary Sector**  
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Perceval House, 14-16 Uxbridge Road  
Ealing W5 2HL  
Tel 020 8825 5777

Youth and Connexions works in partnership with voluntary sector organisations to deliver effective services across the borough, utilising the skills and expertise of these voluntary/community groups. For example YWCA London West delivers workshops around teenage pregnancy. Also, the service assists voluntary sector groups that require support with their curriculum, recording outcomes and developing accredited outcomes for young people. In addition the service enables groups who work with young people to use its buildings to ensure that a variety of services are delivered throughout the day and evening.



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**Connexions**

It aims to remove barriers and support young people in making a smooth and informed transition into adulthood and work life.

Youth work helps young people grow into responsible adults through exciting and challenging projects. Youth work is different from most other approaches to work with young people in that it starts with the young person's interests and abilities and works to develop them through a wide range of programmes. The youth work curriculum covers a range of themes:

- Health
- Community safety
- Environment/outdoor education
- Creative and expressive arts
- Employment and training
- Community cohesion
- Personal development
- eg communication, problem solving skills

**What we do?**  
 The service provides programmes of group and individual activities, which encourage personal and social development of young people (13-19 years old) up to 24 years old for young people with disabilities). These programmes are provided through youth centres and projects located across the borough.  
 Youth and Connexions offers a variety of fun and positive experiences through:  
 • Youth centres  
 • Projects  
 • Estates provision  
 Young people, supported by youth workers, have the chance to:  
 • Develop their skills  
 • Increase their knowledge  
 Youth work develops young people's:  
 • Self confidence  
 • Self esteem



# Ealing Youth and Connexions

**'Making a difference in young people's lives'**

Youth and Connexions aims to provide opportunities for young people to fulfil their potential through a range of challenging, creative, formal and informal programmes. The service works with young people to overcome the barriers that exist to making an effective transition into adulthood.

For further information about the service provided please contact:

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 Perceval House  
 14-16 Uxbridge Road  
 Ealing, W5 2HL  
 Tel 020 8825 5777

Any comments and suggestions are welcome and should be directed to Youth and Connexions at the above address.

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