



THANET YOUTH NETWORK:

A Guide to Creative
Opportunities for
Young People

WELCOME TO THE THANET YOUTH NETWORK

The Thanet Youth Network is a group of creative and cultural organisations across Thanet that develop projects and opportunities for young people.

The network is committed and passionate about encouraging and empowering young people to thrive.

With a wealth of organisations working with young people across the region, the network has put together a comprehensive list of organisations with details of what they are able to offer you. We hope that you find this guide useful.

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1927

is a multi award winning artist-led performance company working at the intersection of the live and digital. Our hybrid work combining live performance, music and handcrafted stop frame animation is entirely unique.

We deliver participatory illustration, animation and storytelling activities in partnership with education and youth provision partners. Support independent theatre & performance makers in Thanet and Kent by offering resourced Open House Artists Advisory Sessions, Bursaries and Mentoring. Collaborate with regional sector peers to support emerging producers. Lead performance participation activities as part of our theatre touring activities.

Ages 11-15 16-18 19-25

Margate, Kent-wide

Targeted

Long-term projects

One-off events

Digital

Creative workshops

Work experience/internships/mentoring

Paid work opportunities

Self-referral
FREE/£

Find out more
jo@19-27.co.uk
www.19-27.co.uk
07843 274684

Studio: 1927, 72 Northdown Road, Margate
CT9 2RL

Office: 1927, Studio 2, Hawley Square Studios,
51 Hawley Square, Margate CT9 1NY



AIM4 PARTNERSHIPS CIC

is a participatory arts organisation which works in collaboration with communities and schools to engage, enable and empower. We use creative methods to encourage participation, learning, personal development and develop aspirations. aim4 has been managing Newington's Chill Club over the past six years, a youth group with arts at its heart for young people aged 10-18 years from Newington Community Centre in Ramsgate. We work collaboratively with young people to run social action projects in the area.

Ages 11-15 16-18
Ramsgate/Margate
Youth club
One-off Projects
One-off events
Creative workshops
Self-referral/referral
FREE/£

Find out more
novamarshallartist@gmail.com
07888 834751
www.aim4.org.uk



ARTS EDUCATION EXCHANGE

provides high quality creative education and employment opportunities for young people because we believe the arts are central to creating positive change in our community. We do this through 1:1 and group creative workshops, events and opportunities held in our Cliftonville studio, in schools, youth centres and other community spaces.

We work with all young people, but our focus is on young people who are: not in education or not in full time education, care experienced, neurodivergent, asylum seeking, LGBTQ+, and young people marginalised in other ways and/or with lived experience of trauma.

Ages 6-11 11-15 16-18 19-25 26-30

Across Thanet

Open-Access/drop-in

Targeted

Long-term projects

One-off events

Creative workshops

Events

Paid work opportunities

Work experience/internships/mentoring

Pastoral support

Advocacy and activism
Exhibitions
Alternative Education
Drop-in services
Rehearsal/Studio space

FREE/£

Young people can refer themselves via our website.

Find out more

hello@artsedex.org

59 Northdown Road, Margate CT9 2RJ

01843 316867

www.artsedex.org



**ARTS
EDUCATION
EXCHANGE**

CHARLTON ATHLETIC COMMUNITY TRUST

provides 1:1 mentoring for young people who have ACE's by direct referral from professionals, engagement through activities to build self-esteem, confidence, CV, job search, engagement in schools and post-16 placements, counselling service for parents of referred and young people detached work, supporting existing services. Young people in Thanet who are struggling with either mental health or school attendance, vulnerable and are at risk of CSE and CCE.

Ages 11-15 16-18 19-25

Across Thanet

Targeted

Detached/Street based

One-off events

Counselling

Pastoral support

Work experience/internships/mentoring

Information, advice and guidance

Referral by another organisation

FREE/£

Find out more

paul.robinson@cact.org.uk (with a completed referral form)

0208 858 0626

www.cact.org.uk

CAFC Training Ground, Sparrows Lane,
New Eltham SE9 2JR



CO-RELATE COMMUNICATION CIC

Co-relate is a content and co-creation consultancy and social enterprise. Set up to benefit Thanet's creative and cultural community, we work in partnership and collaborate across Thanet and beyond to increase creative opportunities for young people and diverse communities. All our projects are run in collaboration with other organisations and groups. We're collaborative, creative and connected. We link young people in Thanet - aged 16-30 - with volunteering and creative opportunities.

Young producers programme with Margate Bookie, freelance work for young writers and designers, volunteering opportunities with Plastic Free Thanet for young people aged 19-25.

Ages 16-18 19-25 25-30

Margate/Across Thanet

Long-term projects

One-off events

Creative workshops

Work experience/internships/mentoring

Paid work opportunities

Self-referral/referral by other organisation

FREE/£

Find out more

Email jess@co-relate.co.uk with a short introduction and what area of our work you're interested in. We'll set up an informal meeting to discuss and see where we can help.

info@co-relate.co.uk

www.co-relate.co.uk

07891 458717

18a Approach Road, Margate CT9 2AN

Corelate

DISCOVERY PLANET C.I.C.

provides hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) workshops for schools and families delivered in partnership with the University of Kent, and other institutions and businesses. We are open to collaborations and have a High Street venue which is available to other organisations to run their own projects/hold exhibitions, etc.

Ages 7-11 11-15 16-18
Ramsgate/Across Thanet
Open-Access/drop-in Targeted
Creative workshops Families
Targeted groups depend on criteria of funding body e.g. unaccompanied minor refugees
STEM workshops/volunteering opportunities
Self-referral
FREE/£

Find out more

xantheppitt@discoveryplanet.co.uk
www.discoveryplanet.co.uk
07887 614581
DPHQ, 47 High Street,
Ramsgate CT11 9AG



INSPIRATION CREATIVE CIC

Inclusive workshops in Junior Youth Theatre, Senior Youth Theatre, Youth Art (with Arts Award), Sing and Sign Choir. We cater for a very diverse mix of young people. We can cater for deaf and/or blind people, we specialise in supporting those with ASC and those who use BSL.

Disability
Ages 7-11 11-15 16-18 19-25
Across Thanet
Open-Access Targeted
Long-term projects One-off events
Creative workshops Events
Work experience/internships/mentoring
FREE/£

Find out more

Call or email to discuss how we can best support, and whether we have spaces enabling us to plan staffing and access requirements.

inspiration-inc@hotmail.co.uk
www.inspirationcreative.co.uk
07792 684227
The Baptist Church, St Peter's
Vicarage Lane,
Broadstairs, CT10 1SG



KENT YOUTH VOICE

is made up of Kent Youth County Council, Speak Out, young people engaged through the Kent Emotional Wellbeing Participation Project and the Kent UK Youth Parliament Members. We are always keen to work with youth forums/councils or other participation groups to ensure they are represented. Young people have the opportunity to work together on campaigns and time in their groups to work on specific topics. Make friends, participate in residential and holiday activities.

Ages 11-15 16-18

Across the district

Open-Access/drop-in	Events
Life skills development	Pastoral support
Advocacy and activism	
Self-referral/referral by other organisation	

FREE/£

Find out more

kycc@kent.gov.uk
www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/
kent-youth-voice
Kent Youth Voice, Kent County
Council, Invicta House,
Maidstone ME14 1XX



MARGATE BOOKIE

offers opportunities for young people to volunteer at our festival and events, take part in our Writing Journey programme (6-weeks, covering all aspects of creative writing and marketing yourself), our Margate Bookie zine (opportunities to get published) and our New Publishers programme (to learn about publishing).

Ages 16-18 19-25

Margate

Open-Access/drop-in	Targeted
Long-term projects	One-off events
Creative workshops	Events & exhibitions
Paid work opportunities	
Work experience/internships/mentoring	
Thanet-based/with a work/study connection to Margate	
Self-referral	FREE/£

Find out more

Please email jess@margatebookie.com with your relevant details and interests and we'll set up an informal conversation.
jess@margatebookie.com
margatebookie.com
07891 458717
55 George V Avenue,
Margate CT9 5RH



- 1 aim4 Partnerships : Based in Cliftonville
- 2 Porchlight : Kent-wide
- 3 Arts Education Education : 59 Northdown Road, Margate CT9 2RJ
- 4 Oasis Domestic Abuse Service : PO Box 174, Margate CT9 4GA
- 5 Co-relate : 18a Approach Road, Margate CT9 2AN
- 6 Quarterdeck : Zion Place, Margate CT9 1RP
- 7 Turner Contemporary : The Rendezvous, Margate CT9 1HG
- 8 Olby's Creative Hub : 3-5 King Street, Margate CT9 1DD
- 9 Power Of Women Thanet : First Floor, 17 The Parade, Margate CT9 1EY
- 10 1927: Studio - 72 Northdown Road, Margate CT9 2RL.
Office: 2 Hawley Square Studios, 51 Hawley Square, Margate CT9 1NY
- 11 Open School East: 39 Hawley Square, Margate, Kent, CT9 1NZ
- 12 Thanet District Council : Thanet District Council Offices,
Cecil Square, Margate CT9 1XZ
- 13 People Dem Collective : Marine Terrace, Margate, CT9
- 14 Margate Bookie : 55 George V Avenue, Margate CT9 5RH
- 15 Discovery Planet : DPHQ, 47 High Street, Ramsgate CT11 9AG
- 16 Pie Factory Music : Ramsgate Youth Centre, High Street,
St Lawrence, Ramsgate CT11 0QG
- 17 The Pavilion Youth & Community Cafe : St Peter's Recreation
Ground, Grange Road, Broadstairs CT10 3AE
- 18 Inspiration Creative : The Baptist Church, St Peter's, Vicarage Lane,
Broadstairs, CT10 1SG
- 19 Kent Youth Voice : Kent County Council, Invicta House,
Maidstone ME14 1XX
- 20 Charlton Communication : CAFC Training Ground,
Sparrows Lane, New Eltham SE9 2JR



OASIS DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

provides 1-1 therapeutic mentoring for young people impacted by domestic abuse, group and psychoeducational programmes and parenting support. Collaboration is one of our core values, playing an active part in supporting young people and seek to make our support creative and client-led. We are the only agency which are specialists in treating domestic abuse trauma.

Ages 7-11 & parents 11-15 16-18 19-25
Across Thanet Targeted
Long-term projects One-off events
Pastoral support Advocacy & activism
School-based & community activities
Information, advice and guidance
Criteria is that our clients have been impacted by domestic abuse.
FREE/£

Find out more

Download a referral form from our website & follow the instructions, or call our helpline number - 0800 9179948.

helpline@oasisdaservice.org

www.oasisdaservice.org

Oasis Domestic Abuse Service,
PO Box 174,
Margate CT9 4GA



OLBY'S CREATIVE HUB

working with local partners, we support young people, both in and out of the education sector, through third party workshops and training programmes, work placements and volunteering.

Trainees learn from industry professionals and gain hands-on experience of event planning, technical production, venue management and hospitality. We enable them to enhance their knowledge and expertise, and to showcase their ideas and skills through our festivals and events, or on our TV and radio platforms.

Whilst our focus is on young people, we are keen to work with our partners to develop programmes that benefit adult groups such as the long or short-term unemployed, ensuring none are excluded or left behind, to extend the pool of localised technicians, promoters, administration, finance, marketing and PR individuals who can create, manage and deliver sustainable community events, be they live or digital.

Ages 16-18 19-25
Margate/Across Thanet
Targeted
Long-term projects
Paid work opportunities
Events
Work experience/internships/mentoring
Life skills development
Alternative Education
Rehearsal/Studio space
FREE/£

We have an unorthodox approach to learning and earning. Anyone is welcome through our door and if we can't offer them the opportunity/help/guidance they need we will make every effort to direct them to someone who can. Our founder Eli Thompson has a lived experience of working in the area and overcoming difficulties along the way.

Find out more

clare@olbyscreativehub.co.uk
www.olbyscreativehub.co.uk
01843 838539
3-5 King Street, Margate CT9 1DD

OLBY'S
CREATIVE HUB

OPEN SCHOOL EAST

is a free, independent art school and community space that focuses on collective learning through the arts. We support cultural practitioners at an early stage of their career to develop and sustain their practice, and enable young people and adults alike to learn new and transferable skills, develop their confidence and shape their creative voice by becoming active learners and co-producers of OSE's programmes.

Our learning and development programmes are:

- **The Associates Programme:** a part-time, year-long development programme for emerging adult artists and cultural practitioners from diverse backgrounds;
- **The Young Associates Programme:** a free art and creative careers programme for young people aged 18-21 living in the Thanet area;
- **The Despacito Art School:** a programme open to 5 to 12 year olds who lack opportunities to develop creatively;
- **The Public Programme:** a multifaceted programme of events, activities and short courses open to everyone.

Ages 5-11 18-21 19-25 26+

Across Thanet

Open-Access

One-off events

Events

Alternative Education

FREE/£

Long-term projects

Creative workshops

Exhibitions

Self referral/referral

Find out more

natalie@openschooleast.org

openschooleast.org

01843 606925

39 Hawley Square,

Margate CT9 1NZ



PEOPLE DEM COLLECTIVE

People Dem Collective (PDC) is a community organisation based in Margate.

Their focus is on raising aspirations while elevating and healing those from within the community. Ultimately, they seek to facilitate systemic change, by elevating the presence, work and visibility of people from Black, Brown and Diaspora communities.

They have provided young people with a platform in which to build confidence, increase their interaction in the community and shape their futures. From guidance and mentorship, to creating interesting events, workshops and meet-up sessions, People Dem Collective is here to foster an individual's development and ensure they reach their full potential.

Ages 5 -10 11-15 16-18 19-25

Across Thanet

Targeted

Long-term projects

One-off events

Creative workshops

Events

Exhibitions

Advocacy and activism
Information, advice and guidance
Work experience/internships/mentoring
Self referral/referral via project partners
FREE/£

[Find out more](#)

info@peopledemcollective.com

www.peopledemcollective.com

Instagram: [@peopledemcollective](#)

49 Marine Terrace, Margate CT10 1XG

PIE FACTORY MUSIC

is a creative youth charity that offers young people in East Kent a safe space where they can access life-enhancing creative opportunities and a community of support, through youth work, music and arts projects, pastoral care and counselling. Here they can explore their creativity, voice and role in society, and feel empowered to influence their own lives positively.

We specialise in working with young people who face challenges in their lives, such as poverty, emotional and mental health struggles and those who struggle to engage with mainstream provision.

We have strong organisational values which have developed through our 20 years as a charity. We are: young-person led, Inclusive, Kind, Creative, Collaborative, Brave and Fun. We believe in young people and are committed to collaborating with those who share our values.

Ages 11-15 16-18 19-25

Across Thanet (we also work in the Dover district and take part in trips, exchanges and opportunities across the UK)

Open-Access/drop-in
Targeted
Detached/street-based
Long-term projects
One-off events
Creative workshops
Events
Work experience/internships/mentoring
Paid work opportunities
Pastoral support
Life skills development
Advocacy & activism
Information, advice and guidance
Drop-in services
Rehearsal/Studio space
Self-referral/Referral by other organisations
FREE/£

Find out more

info@piefactorymusic.com

www.piefactorymusic.com

01843 596777

Ramsgate Youth Centre, High Street,
St Lawrence, Ramsgate CT11 0QG



PORCHLIGHT

Have you been through a mental health crisis? If you're aged 18-25, your experiences can help Porchlight and the NHS to improve mental health support for young people in Kent and Medway.

We'd be interested to hear from you if you have:

- Visited A&E for mental health support
- Engaged with the community mental health or crisis home treatment teams
- Had a hospital stay for intensive support
- Visited a Safe Haven or used a crisis support line (like SHOUT or Samaritans)
- Struggled to access any help at all while going through a crisis.

There are lots of ways to get involved. You can share your experiences in a one-to-one feedback session, at one of our activity days, or in one of our focus groups. We know it can be hard to talk about what you've been through. We won't pressure you to talk about anything that makes you uncomfortable, and all our discussions are confidential.

We can also help you find support for mental health issues you are currently facing.

Ages 18-25
Across Thanet
Creative workshops
Events
Advocacy
Information, advice and guidance
Self-referral/referral by other organisations
FREE/£

Find out more

yaparticipation@porchlight.org.uk
porchlight.org.uk

Porchlight 

POWER OF WOMEN THANET

invite young people to take part in our annual Youth Arts Trail to celebrate International Women's Day. We run arts projects in schools and with local community groups that work toward creativity that champions gender equality, raise the profile of women artists and provide a platform for their work to empower young people and women to use creativity in their lives as an outlet in itself.

Ages 11-15 16-18 19-25

Across Thanet

Targeted

Long-term projects

One-off events

Creative workshops

Events

Exhibitions

Work experience/internships/mentoring

Self-referral/referral via project partners

FREE/£

Find out more

info@powthanet.com

www.powthanet.com



QUARTERDECK YOUTH HUB

provides fun, exciting and educational opportunities for young people through sports, creative arts, information, advice, accreditation, support, guidance and personal development. Professional qualified youth workers deliver activities at Quarterdeck and on the streets of Thanet actively engaging young people and empowering them to have their voices heard through youth participation. All young people across Thanet are welcome.

Ages 11-15 16-18 19-25

Across Thanet

Open-Access/drop-in

Targeted

Detached/street-based

Long-term projects

One-off events

Creative workshops

Events

Pastoral support

Work experience/internships/mentoring

Life skills development

Advocacy & activism

Information, advice and guidance

Self-referral/referral by other organisations

FREE/£

Find out more

thanetadditionalssupport@kent.gov.uk

kent.gov.uk

03000 414363

Zion Place, Margate CT9 1RP



THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL - COMMUNITY TEAM

Work with local organisations to support and deliver outreach/diversionary sessions for young people. The Local Authority (specifically Community Team) is keen to work with and support this sector locally to enhance the lives and prospects of young people in Thanet.

Ages 11-15 16-18 19-25

Across Thanet

Open-Access/drop-in

Detached/street-based

Work experience/internships/mentoring

Life skills development

Physical activities

Referral/self-referral (not all our provision requires a referral)

FREE/£

Find out more

For all enquiries, contact a member of the Community Team via:

community.safety@thanet.gov.uk

www.thanet.gov.uk

01843 577000

TDC Offices, Cecil Street,

Margate CT9 1XZ

Thanet District Council link in schools look at exploitation and risk taking behaviours offer discussions with young people around these topics: Knife awareness work, youth council, safety in the community, safe spaces and offer safety awareness days. We are always eager to hear about what is needed and try to put something in place to meet that need.

Ages All age groups (some projects are age dependant)

Across Thanet

Open-Access/drop-in

Targeted

Detached/street-based

Long-term projects One-off events

Depending on projects but all the above

apply to various projects

Events

Exhibitions

Information, advice and guidance

Drop-in services

Youth Council

FREE/£

Find out more

For enquiries regarding the Thanet

Youth Council, contact:

tracy.moon@thanet.gov.uk

07775 544591

TDC Offices, Cecil Square,

Margate CT9 1XZ

THE PAVILION YOUTH & COMMUNITY CAFE

A Youth Cafe providing a range of activities for young people, including sports and games, arts and crafts, well-being support, trips out, residentials, and accredited awards including Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Arts Awards. We provide after-school youth sessions 4 afternoons per week, and a full holiday programme each summer.

Ages 5-10 10-16

Broadstairs

Open-Access/drop-in

Creative workshops

Life skills development

Pastoral support

Information, advice and guidance

Drop-in services

Self-referral/no referral required

FREE/£

Find out more

St Peter's Recreation Ground

Callis Court Road/Grange Road

Broadstairs CT10 3AE

07963 226275

pavilioncommunitycafe@gmail.com

The
Pavilion
Youth & Community Cafe



TURNER CONTEMPORARY

is an art gallery on Margate's seafront. The gallery puts on different exhibitions of historic and contemporary artwork, which change throughout the year. There are lots of ways for young people to get involved, including weekend art workshops, work placements and Portfolio, a platform for under 25's to have their work exhibited.

Ages 6-11 11-15 16-18 19-25

Margate

Open-Access/drop-in

Targeted

Detached/street-based

Long-term projects

Events

One-off events

Creative workshops

Exhibitions

Paid work opportunities

Advocacy & activism

Alternative Education

Rehearsal/Studio space

Self-referral/referral

FREE/£

Access to space, artists and exhibitions. We are currently trialling a children and young people's art library in our Clore Learning

Studio space, which we are hoping to make a permanent fixture by end of 2023.

[Find out more](#)

learn@turnercontemporary.org

turnercontemporary.org

01843 233000

The Rendezvous, Margate CT9 1HG

Turner

Contemporary

