

# Annual Report 2021



CONNEXIONS COMMUNITY HUB

## Community News

## ‘Some Kind of Normal’

As we gradually move away from the virtual world and life begins to return to ‘some kind of normal’ for everyone, in all walks of life and in all types of organisations. There is no doubt it has been an extremely challenging eighteen months for all, it has really been difficult, however, we’ve now emerged out of the other side with a more positive outlook going forward, and an opportunity to start again, stronger and bolder than before. With a general desire to do much more within our communities there certainly seems to be a strong sense of community around our town with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and support for local projects, and the wider community.

At Connexions, despite a complete shutdown of between four and six months at the height of the Pandemic, across the last twelve months we have continued to



do as much as we possibly can to support people, whether that be young people through youth socials or families and parents through our parent toddler group, community learning programmes, virtual activities, drop-in sessions and support groups, supported by Childrens Links.

## Community Learning Initiative Connexions

One of our first steps back into Connexions was to continue the delivery of our community learning programmes...

As we move out of lockdown, we feel that community learning will be needed more than ever to help recovery from this crisis, and respond to the shifting need of the community.

Through our learning programmes it is hoped that we help learners regain confidence, and encourage people, individually and collectively, to make positive changes in their lives and their communities through learning.

Our current learners are in the process of completing Youth Work Level 3, the AET Course (formerly PTLLS) and Expressive Arts, however, we are already building up numbers for these courses to begin again later this year, which will also include our Introduction to Youth Work.

Our new learning programmes now include; First Aid training, Level 2 Food Safety, and, at Level 3, the Gold Arts Award. To find out more about what we can offer contact us at the Hub, or email [mylinks@outlook.com](mailto:mylinks@outlook.com), where someone will be in touch to answer any questions.

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### Special points of interest:

- *Community Learning Programmes*
- *Working with other organisations*
- *Supporting Young People*
- *Parent Toddler Group*
- *How we are moving forward*

## This Virtual World...

Social Media and the Virtual World became part of daily life for everyone over the last eighteen months, and does continue to be used by many people all around the world. For Connexions, the use of social media not only allowed us to share stories and posts via our Facebook page. It also allowed us to keep connected to our group attendees too.

Most of our sessions have now returned to face to face and our performing arts group has returned to rehearsals, however, as we gradually move away from the virtual world, we still maintain a presence on social media, which is constantly being updated, so why not find us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook to keep up to date with everything we do. [Find us on Facebook...@connect0516](#)



## Partnership Working



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LCVYS (Lincolnshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services) Continues to be key partner and support to the Community Hub and we are pleased to be the north Lincolnshire community development supplier and partner for LCVYS. Over the year we want to work with as many groups as possible to bring them into LCVYS membership and add to the service to young people that is going on. We were pleased to host the LCVYS AGM at Gainsborough this year.



LCVYS working together with the Young Lincolnshire Partnership has a wide range of Training Provision both physical and online and combined please if you get the chance have a look at the [www.lcvys.co.uk](http://www.lcvys.co.uk) as the topics covered or contact the Hub 01427 678695 or LCVYS direct on 01522 569776. Also as part of young Lincolnshire working we are members of Lincolnshire Youth Association/ Boys and Girls Clubs and have access to a very wide range of National Activities and County Events as a result of our automatic affiliation. A national calendar of events including Athletics, Canoeing, Table Tennis, Football, Camping, Boxing and wide access to lists of Residential Centres you can use are available through boys and girls clubs.



Dr Charles Shaw, Director and Chair of LCVYS said *"We are really proud of our involvement with Connexions Community Hub having seen it grow so well through grassroots community involvement"* If you would like details of the opportunities available through LYA/BGC please contact our Lead Youth Worker [james.walker@cvys.org.uk](mailto:james.walker@cvys.org.uk) Tues/Thurs.

Kickstart - Gainsborough Connexions Community Hub is working with LYA/BGC to provide Kickstart Job Opportunities for those ages 18 - 24 in conjunction with the Department of Work and Pensions. In the initial states there are a number of Youth and Community Work Assistant posts and some Admin/Development work giving an initial 25 hours a week experience and career building experience for 6 months. For more information you can contact your local job centre or email [judy.cummins@cvys.org.uk](mailto:judy.cummins@cvys.org.uk) giving clear contact telephone details.



## Performing Arts Club...What Next?

Throughout lockdown we have been focusing on supporting our young people through virtual sessions every Friday and planning our way forward. Over lockdown we have had so much fun in these sessions which have included: Virtual dance classes, quizzes, math's bingo.

Our club returned to rehearsals, face to face on the 19th July, and our Expressive Arts students have been organizing a Covid themed concert, which will tell the story of the last 12 to 18 months in dance, music and song and is planned for late November/early December and is simply called...



It has also been fantastic to see many newer, younger members joining the club since we returned, and we're really looking forward to live performance's and events over the coming months. To keep up to date with all our activities, check out:@pacs2018 on Facebook.



## Connexions 4 Youth

Youth Socials and a Summer of fun have been on the cards for our youth committee, despite Covid concerns.

In August our young people had a fantastic day out at Ingoldmells, arranged and organized by the Lincolnshire Youth Association and LCVYS. A welcome break away from all our worries over these challenging times.

Moving forward, Connexions 4 Youth project has many activities and projects planned, from fundraising and charity events, to litter pick and following the success of our involvement with Leap and HATS in the Community Arts project in the South West Ward, we intend to carry on improving the appearance of areas across the town. Whilst also offering much more in the way of Young Leader learning programmes. *If you would like to learn more about the committee and how you can get involved, simply contact Casey on: 07940 402644.*



**Saturday the  
9th October  
at  
Connexions  
Community  
Hub  
10am to 2pm**

## Parent, Toddler Group



After a long year of completing sessions online, we are so glad that we have begun our face-2-face sessions. Having all the children and parents back to play, chat and discuss the reality of having or looking after children is incredible! We have some fun ideas for the group, and we can't wait to meet some new parents, guardians and children.

The summer not only brought warm weather but some fun activities for the community. Our summer sessions this year brought a mix of sensory play and messy discovery play through food, painting and building. Here at Connexions we know how important it is for families to learn and explore together. Not only will it help with a child's development but also can create a fun bonding environment for all involved.



# Our Annual Accounts 2020 –2021

## Connexions Community Hub - Income and Expenditure Account 2nd August 2020 to 2nd August 2021

Registered No: 1172174

Grant Income	28280.00	
Course Fees	0.00	
Refunds	0.00	
Hire Fees	2310.00	30590.00

### Less expenses:

Rent	4124.00	
Internet	245.00	
Insurance	1061.00	
Training Fees	1728.00	
Repairs/Maintenance	2815.00	
Bank Transfers	2290.00	
Utilities	2087.00	
Online Purchases/Subscription	5072.00	
Rates	304.00	
Events	2248.00	<u>21974.00</u>

Total Income over expense: 8616.00

Balanced as at 02 September 2018

Checked and Approved by : *Tracey J Craig* (Treasurer/Trustee)

Approved by all Trustees at Connexions Community Hub - Trustee Meeting which took place on:  
September 2021

All income and expense submitted to the Charity Commission in the form of our Annual Return on:  
8th June 2022; as laid down within the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (Part 8).

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