

Annual Report 2023



CONNEXIONS COMMUNITY HUB

Community News

‘We’re Moving Forward’

At Connexions, we have continue 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, drop-in sessions and support groups.

With a a second building now, at 100 Church Street, we have many more opportunities to expand our offer and a general desire to do much more within our communities there certainly seems to be a strong sense of community around us with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and support for local projects, the wider community and our local schools.



Community Learning Initiative Connexions

Our education and learning program (*CLIC*) is a funded project offering essential work and life skills training, along with accredited level 1, 2 and 3 courses, across the curriculum, *for all ages, and all abilities*, including those who would simply like to return to learning in a more *informal setting*. Delivered by our experienced team of qualified Tutors, courses include CPD and entry level English and Maths. Courses in the Arts, Volunteering, Youth Work and Safeguarding. Our new learning programmes also 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, 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 have become part of daily life now, it seems, so we're keeping up with the times here at Connexions too, with an ever growing presence on social media. Our online presence is no longer confined to our website, but Instagram and Facebook too, increasing our following and sharing our world with everyone on the outside too, so why not find us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook to keep up to date with everything we do.

Find us on Facebook...@connect0516

Find us on Instagram...we_are_connexions



Partnership Working



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LCVYS (Lincolnshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services) Continues to be key partner and support with the Community Hub and we are pleased to be the north Lincolnshire community development supplier and partner for them. 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.



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 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 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 Tues/Thurs.

Community Development and Multiply - Gainsborough Connexions Community Hub is working with Local Schools, SEND Providers, Lincolnshire County and West Lindsey District Council on projects developed and funded to provide Adult Education, Internship Opportunities and access to Key Skills Learning programmes. A two year project providing support and access to out of school education programmes, for those who wish to return to education, want to upskill or develop their career prospects. building experience for 6 months. Contact r.craig@connexionshub.co.uk

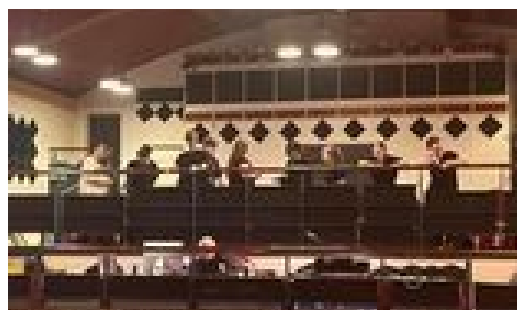


Performing Arts Club...What Next?

Over the last year we have seen our club go from strength to strength with new younger members joining our group, month on month, week on week. In 2023 we presented our first narrated and scripted 'Winter Stories' with drama, music and dance used to translate the stories of Enid Blyton's Winter Tales, adapted and developed by leaders for the stage, which was a great success, our main show in 2024 will be an originally scripted musical version of 'The Nutcracker and The Four Realms'. As an organisation we are also doing much more in the way of providing event PA, and have been invited to perform at local community days and shows, more than ever before. So very exciting times ahead. We also continue to teach the Arts Award, recently having students complete their Level 3 award and Younger People completing their Discovery award too.



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.

In August our young people had a fantastic day out at Drayton Manor, arranged and organized by the Lincolnshire Youth Association and LCVYS. A welcome break away, appreciated by all and was a fantastic day.

Moving forward, Connexions 4 Youth project has many activities and projects planned, from fundraising and charity events, to litter picks and Community Arts project. Including the delivery of the Discovery Arts Award to young people aged 5 yrs and upwards, whilst also undergoing Childrens Development Training as a group too.

If you would like to learn more about the committee and how you can get involved, simply contact Casey on: 07940 402644.



Parent, Toddler Group



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.

As we move into 2024, we have secured funding to establish our Family Hub at 100 Church Street, with softplay area, learning corner, feeding corner, fun activities and parent support too. Keep checking our facebook to keep up to date with latest developments.

Some of our funders and partners...



Our Annual Accounts 2022 –2023

Income and Expenditure (Draft Account) September 2022 to September 2023

Connexions Community Hub (Registered Charity Number: 1172174)

Income

Balance as at September 2022	10093.00	
Grant Income	18509.00	
Community Action Grant Income (Project Restricted)	10000.00	
Earned Income - Hire/Events	14808.37	
Total Income	53410.37	53410.37

Expenditure

Staff Costs		
Salaries	12199.76	
Sessional Fees	1983.10	
Cleaner	1080.00	
PAYE	801.92	
Total Salaries	16064.78	16064.78

Project Expenditure

Overheads

Rent	12549.96	
Utilities (including phone and broadband)	6779.92	
Insurance	247.92	
Equipment Purchases	5905.59	
Consultants Fees & Subscriptions	440.00	
Legal & Professional	0.00	
Audit & Accountancy	100.00	
Bank Charges	0.00	
Total Expenditure	42088.17	42088.17

Income Over Expense 11322.20

Checked and Approved by : *Tracey J Craig* (Treasurer/Trustee) on 18th October 2023

To be approved by all Trustees at Connexions Community Hub - At the Trustee Meeting which will take place in January 2024

Once approved - All income and expense is to be submitted to the Charity Commission in the form of our Annual Return in May 2024 as laid down within the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (Part 8).

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