

Annual Report 2025



CONNEXIONS COMMUNITY HUB

Community News

‘Our Community Matters’

At Connexions, 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, drop-in sessions and support groups.

With 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. This has also included increased usage of our buildings, by numerous organisations, including more marginalised and diverse groups too. Such as the Nite Life Café and Shine Mental Health Support.



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, during this last years we have offered entry level English and Maths to both NEET and adult learners along with First Aid training, Level 2 Food Safety, Childrens Workforce Level 3 and Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts Award. Our offer has also increased to include the CSCS Card and Site Safety Qualifications. Working directly with our accreditation partners.

To find out more about what we can offer contact us at the Hub, or email mylines@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...

We're keeping up with the times here at Connexions 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 Instagram and Facebook to keep up to date with everything we do.

Find us on Facebook...@connect0516

Find us on Instagram...we_are_connexions

Find us on the Web...www.connexionscommunityhub.co.uk



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. This year some of our young people attended the Youth Conference in Durham.



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.

Gainsborough Aspirations Project - Gainsborough Connexions Community Hub continues to work with Local Schools, SEND Providers, Lincolnshire County and West Lindsey District Councils on projects developed and funded to provide Careers Advice to all ages and abilities through Aspirational Assemblies, Internship Opportunities and access to Key Skills Learning programmes. A further years funding has been secured to continue this essential work in our community. To date we have reached over 2000 young people. For more information please contact r.craig@connexionshub.co.uk



Performing Arts Club...Another Fantastic Year

Over the last year we have seen our club go from strength to strength with a new Chair and many more younger members joining our group. In 2024/5 we presented our own Musical Version of 'The Nutcracker' adapted and developed by leaders for the stage, which was a great success, our next event was our 'Movie Madness'

In June 2025 we devised, produced scripted and performed a musical extravaganza of Disney Villains entitled 'Untold Tales' Part 1. Part 2 will be performed in 2026. 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, events and shows.

We have also formed our very own band from all our leaders to be known as 'Unknown Destination' with local performances booked throughout the coming year.

Whilst continuing to teach the Arts Award, providing sessions at Youth Clubs across our District.



Connexions 4 Youth

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

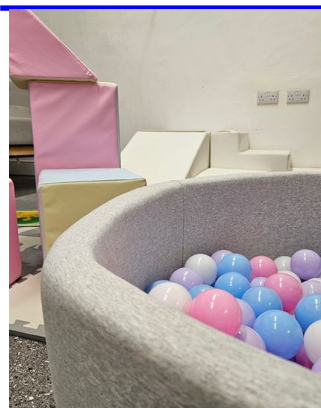
In August our young people had a fantastic day out at Wicksteed Park, arranged and organized by the Lincolnshire Youth Association and LCVYS. Whilst also this year, representatives from C4Y will be attending the National Youth Conference in Durham. All great experiences for our young people.

Moving forward, Connexions 4 Youth project has many activities and projects planned, from fundraising and charity events, to litter picks and Community Arts project. Bingo and Quiz nights and the delivery of the Discover Arts Award to young people aged 5 yrs and upwards.

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



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 2026, we have secured funding to provide more activities at our Family Hub (100 Church Street venue), 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 2024 –2025

Income and Expenditure Account - September 2024 to September 2025

Connexions Community Hub (Registered Charity Number: 1172174)

Income

Balance as at September 2022	5124.41
Grant Income	30660.96
Community Action Grant Income (Project Restricted)	6467.23
Earned Income - Hire/Events	7207.23

Total Income	<u>49459.83</u>	<u>49459.83</u>
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Expenditure

Staff Costs	
Salaries	0
Sessional Fees	2055.83
Cleaner	1080.00
PAYE	0

Total Costs	<u>3135.83</u>	<u>3135.83</u>
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Project Expenditure

Rent	15594.96
Utilities (including phone and broadband)	4764
Insurance	1056.21
Equipment Purchases	3524.27
Course Fees & Subscriptions	2611.91
Repayments	2978.39
Audit & Accountancy	0
Reimbursements	2691
Storage Fees	1625
Property Maintenance	2910.62
Hire fees	824.11

Total Expenditure	<u>41716.3</u>	<u>41716.3</u>
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Income Over Expense	<u><u>7743.53</u></u>
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Checked and Approved by: *Tracey J Craig* (Treasurer/Trustee) on 30th January 2026

To be approved by all Trustees at Connexions Community Hub - At the Trustee Meeting which will take place on: 16th March 2026

Once approved - All income and expense is to be submitted to the Charity Commission in the form of our Annual Return in May 2026 as laid down within the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (Part 8).

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