

What's available in Canterbury and Thanet



Explore The Whitstable Beauty School [Home](#) -



Open Days at EKC Colleges in Canterbury and Broadstairs . Please register to attend

[February Open Day 2025 - Broadstairs College](#)
[Open Day | Tuesday 27 January - Canterbury](#)



PLEASE ENSURE YOUR APPLICATIONS TO COLLEGE ARE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE VIA THE KENT CHOICES PLATFORM

[Register](#)

KENT CHOICES

Use this link: <https://my-ed.uk/go/> with your user ID and password. It is recommended that a minimum of 30—60 minutes is completed each day. This is good preparation for college.



Search and apply for **Apprenticeships** in England on this official government service. You can work, get paid and train for a qualification if you're 16 or over and not in education.

[Search apprenticeship – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)

The **Young Lives Foundation (YLF)** offer Advocacy and Youth programmes.. Click on their logo to find out more.



THANET TRUST

TCDT is a non-profit organisation that provides courses and clubs:

- Be your own boss (Business start up)
 - CSCS card training
 - Emergency First Aid at Work
 - Job Club
 - Cookery, Craft and History Clubs
- To explore what is on offer : [Thanet Community Development Trust - Home](#)

withyou

Get free, confidential support with drugs, alcohol and mental health.

Virtual work experience opportunities

Springpod 

SupaJam is a unique group of Post-16 specialist music colleges based in Canterbury. They offer carefully tailored placements to young people aged 16-25 with an EHCP. [Specialist Music Colleges | SupaJam](#)

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BECOME

Need support from your local Job Centre:

[Canterbury JobCentre Plus](#)

[Ramsgate JobCentre Plus](#)

[Margate Jobcentre Plus Office](#)

jobcentreplus

Do you have an EHCP and are interested in **Construction or Hair and Beauty** [Salt Training Limited | adult learning | Herne Bay, UK](#)



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Stepladder Plus Programme

Earn money for completing each of the 6 stages.

If you are 15-17 and have been in care for 12 months or more [click here to Register for Stepladder PLUS](#)

Anonymous free, safe online advice and support.



Your VSK Education Support Officers in Canterbury and Thanet are:

Helen O'Dwyer—Helen.O'Dwyer@kent.gov.uk
Samantha Godden—Samantha.Godden@kent.gov.uk
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ARE YOU 16-17 YEARS OLD?

Do you worry about having a bed for the night?

Have you been asked to leave your home?

Are you sleeping on a friend's sofa?

Are you worried about becoming street homeless?

You don't have to live on the streets to be homeless, you can be provided accommodation!

Call the numbers below to get help

CONTACT NUMBERS:

Medway Local Authority:
01634 33 44 66

Kent Local Authority:
03000 41 11 11

OUR ADVOCATES CAN HELP YOU!

The Young Lives Foundation can offer independent advice on your rights and entitlements as a homeless young person.

CALL OUR FREE PHONE NUMBER FOR SUPPORT: 0808 164 0096

OR SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



www.ylf.org.uk advocacy@ylf.org.uk @ylfcharity Registered Charity Number: 1119528



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We are here to help.



MOVING FORWARDS



If you're a Care Leaver aged 18-25 or 16-18 and preparing to leave care, our Navigators are here for you. We will help you to create opportunities, build confidence, and strive for independence to...

LIVE THE LIFE YOU CHOOSE

Whatever your goal or aspiration - getting your own place, starting your career, developing your talents, improving your social skills, or dealing with worries and problems.

We can help.

03000 810005
hello@involvekent.org.uk

involve
Charity no: 106691

Meet the team

Hi I'm Kim, the Youth Engagement Support Officer for the wonderful Participation Team and YAC. I am really looking forward to meeting everyone, hearing your views, sharing ideas and having fun along the way!

I'm Tom, I'm a Participation Officer. I'm very much looking forward to working with everyone who comes along to YAC. I'm sure some of you regulars might have seen me around at other Participation Team events and I'm looking forward to helping you get your voices heard!

Hey, I'm Giral I am a Participation Support Assistant within the team. I do this role in order to allow other young people to feel heard and supported by providing a safe space to share your views.

Hi, I'm Jack. I'm an Apprentice Participation Worker. I do this role because I want to be there to help young people and give them the opportunity to grow and be heard. In my free time I play sports like Rugby and football.

Hi, I'm Kiron. I'm an Apprentice Participation Worker. I do this role because I want to help young people to develop and be heard. I joined the team after benefiting from the team and YAC as a young person. In my free time I play guitar and cook.

Contact the VSK Participation Team for more information:
Tom: Thomas.Byrne@kent.gov.uk/0779543786
Or email: VSK_Participation@kent.gov.uk

Young Adult Council

The VSK Participation Team want to hear your voice! Come along and join a group of Kent Care Experienced Young People aged 16-25, to discuss how Kent County Council supports you, suggest improvements and make a positive difference to all young people in care in Kent.

YAC discussions take place on the first Thursday of every month from 5.30pm-7.30pm

Meetings will alternate between Maidstone and Ashford, but the venue will always be confirmed prior to the meeting.

We always have food and we will pay your travel costs to get to the meetings too. We will also meet you at the train stations so you know where you are going!

We do lots of fun activities too... We have:

- Been bowling
- Had BBQs
- Learnt first aid
- Gone paintballing
- Cooked for the community

Sign up for the Care Leaver Covenant to access support and discounts.

[Care Leavers Wanted - Care Leaver Covenant](#)



Are you looking for employment?

The National Careers Service Toolkit will help signpost in making the right choices, based on your interests.

[Skills assessment | National Careers Service](#)

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course/the-skills-toolkit>

They offer support with CV writing, applying for jobs, interviewing tips, completing application forms and they also have the facility to talk to one of their qualified careers advisers.

There is also a link to Seasonal work that is available.

[Seasonal work advice | National Careers Service.](#)



Are you under 18?

If you're going through a tough time, you're not alone. We've got lots of information and resources to help.

[Mental health and wellbeing info for young people | Mind](#)



[Kent Film Foundation | Ramsgate Community Cinema](#)



Skills for Careers

