

### What are detached youth workers?

Detached youth workers work with young people wherever they might be 'hanging out': places like the street, parks or outside the fish and chip shop.

We try to get young people talking about the things that are important to them and get them involved in community events and activities.

#### We can:

Get information on almost anything; things that concern you, things to do, whatever.

Try and help you achieve the things that you want to do.

Be someone to talk to if something is bothering you.

#### You can:

Speak to us when you see us or phone 01992 588 220 to find out more. You can also e-mail us on: [youth.connexions@hertsc.gov.uk](mailto:youth.connexions@hertsc.gov.uk) or visit the website at: [www.channelmogo.org](http://www.channelmogo.org)

### Useful Contact List

Detached Youth Workers (Office) 01992 588 220

#### Drugs, Smoking & Alcohol

A-DASH (Drug & alcohol services) 01923 427 288/07770537227

Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 769 7555

Drinkline 0800 917 8282

FRANK 0800 77 66 00  
[www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)

NHS Smoking helpline 0800 0224 332

#### Advice & Information

Herts Direct: [www.hertsdirect.org/youngpeople](http://www.hertsdirect.org/youngpeople)

Youth Connexions Stevenage: 01438 749 147  
one stop shops: Hatfield: 01707 266 223

Youth Enquiry & Information Shop: Cheshunt 01992 635 000

Youth Information: [www.youthinformation.com](http://www.youthinformation.com)

#### Sex and relationships

Brook 0808 802 1234  
[www.brook.org.uk](http://www.brook.org.uk)

Family Planning: B. Stortford 01279 657 759  
Buntingford 01763 271 763  
Hertford 01992 581 014  
Much Hadham 01279 842 242  
Ware 01920 462 388

Free 2 B 07810266222

Like it is: [www.likeitis.org.uk](http://www.likeitis.org.uk)

Sexwise 0800 282 930

#### Homelessness

Herts Young Homeless Team 01992 582 930

Shelter 0808 800 4444  
[www.shelter.org.uk](http://www.shelter.org.uk)

YMCA East Herts (B. Stortford) 01279 838068  
[www.easthertsymca.com](http://www.easthertsymca.com)

### Other useful Contacts

Careline (telephone counselling) 0845 122 8622

Connexions Direct 080 800 13219  
[www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com)

East Herts District Council 01279 655 261

East Herts Community Safety Partnership  
[www.safereastherts.org](http://www.safereastherts.org)

Eating Disorder Helpline: 01603 765 050

Hertfordshire Job Centre: [www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk)  
B. Stortford 01279 696 200  
Harlow 01279 393 000  
Hertford 01992 906 900  
Stevenage 01438 206 085

Herts Police 0845 33 00 222  
[www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk)

Herts Rape Crisis 01707 276 512  
[www.rapecrisisinherts.org.uk](http://www.rapecrisisinherts.org.uk)

Herts Young Carers 01992 586 969  
[www.koolcarers.org.uk](http://www.koolcarers.org.uk)

National HIV & AIDS helpline 0800 567 123

National victim support 0845 3030 900  
[www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)

NHS Direct 0845 4647  
[www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk)

Northgate Youth centre, Bishop's Stortford 01279 657 262

Runaway helpline 0500 700 700  
[www.runawayhelpline.org.uk](http://www.runawayhelpline.org.uk)

Samaritans 08457 909090  
[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

Saneline (Mental health) 0845 767 8000  
[www.sane.org.uk](http://www.sane.org.uk)

Traveline 0845 724 4344

Women's Aid: Domestic violence 0808 2000 247  
[www.womensaid.org.uk](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)

For more information about projects and services in your area please visit Channel Mogo:

[www.channelmogo.org](http://www.channelmogo.org)

## Your Rights

#### At 10 you can:

- ◆ Be fingerprinted, photographed, and searched whilst in Police custody, under adult supervision.
- ◆ Be responsible for a criminal offence if it can be proven that you knew what you were doing was seriously wrong

#### At 12 you can:

- ◆ Get into a '12' rated film.

#### At 13 you can:

- ◆ Get a part time job on a Saturday and for not more than two hours on a school day.
- ◆ Be placed in a secure unit of a care home for up to 72 hours if you have a history of running away or are in danger of injuring yourself or others.
- ◆ Get birth control advice from Family Planning.

#### At 14 you can:

- ◆ Be taken into a public bar as long as the owner does not object, but you cannot drink alcohol there.

#### At 16 you can:

- ◆ Ride a moped up to 50 cc
- ◆ Consent to sexual intercourse (with the opposite or same sex)
- ◆ Change your name with the consent of a parent/guardian
- ◆ If adopted, get information about your natural parents
- ◆ Buy wine, beer and cider to drink in a restaurant with a meal, but you cannot purchase it in a supermarket, bar or off-licence
- ◆ Apply for a passport
- ◆ Be charged with cruelty to a child if in custody of him/ her
- ◆ Be charged to pay NHS prescription charges if in full-time employment
- ◆ Be sent to a Young Offenders Institution
- ◆ Apply for legal aid
- ◆ Get married with parental consent
- ◆ Leave school
- ◆ If in work get paid a minimum wage
- ◆ Join a trade union
- ◆ Legally leave home
- ◆ Apply for income support & job seekers
- ◆ Claim tax credits
- ◆ Chose your own GP
- ◆ Be issued with a penalty notice for anti-social behaviour

#### At 17 you can:

- ◆ Drive a car or motorcycle
- ◆ Fly an aircraft solo (with provisional licence)
- ◆ Give blood
- ◆ Be sent to prison
- ◆ Join the armed forces

#### At 18 you can:

- ◆ Vote
- ◆ Change your name without parental consent
- ◆ Serve on a jury
- ◆ Buy alcohol in a bar, off-licence or supermarket
- ◆ Get a mortgage
- ◆ Legally have a tattoo applied to your body
- ◆ Be questioned at a police station without an 'appropriate adult' having to attend
- ◆ Get married without parental consent
- ◆ Buy tobacco, cigarettes and cigarette papers
- ◆ Be liable to pay council tax
- ◆ Have a monthly contract for a mobile telephone.

#### At 19 you can:

- ◆ Still have full time education either at school or college.

#### At 21 you can:

- ◆ Apply to adopt a child
- ◆ Supervise a learner driver if you have held a full driving licence for 3 years



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IN EAST HERTS DISTRICT

