

connexions

We offer **FREE** information, advice and support for 13-19 year olds

You Can Find Us At

155 - 157 High Street,
West Bromwich,
B70 7QX

You Can Call Us On

0121 525 5161

Our Opening Hours Are

Monday 10:00 - 4:00
Tuesday 10:00 - 4:00
Wednesday 1:00 - 4:00
Thursday 10:00 - 4:00
Friday 10:00 - 4:00
Saturday 10:00 - 1:00

Welcome to your West Bromwich
Connexions Centre's Newsletter.

The summer holidays are now over and it is the start of a new term. Some of you have gone back to school and some of you have gone to college. For those of you who are not sure what to do next, come and see one of our Connexions advisors in our centre who will be more than happy to help you.

Changes

You will start to notice some changes within the centre as we are moving into the local authority. We will now be called **Connexions Sandwell**. The service you receive will not be affected. If you have any questions or concerns come in and ask a member of staff.

We need You!!!

Connexions is a service dedicated to young people aged 14 – 19. We will not be able to reach our full potential without any input from you and so we would like you to become more involved in the service. You can help by

- Designing and producing newsletters and leaflets
- Designing and helping out at events
- Having a say at the top and much, much more

If you are interested, come in the centre, fill out the "Tell Us What You Think" leaflet, and someone will get back to you as soon as possible, or you can call the centre and ask to speak to Nicki Artwell (The Editor).

Themes 4 October

During October we will be focusing on Black History Month and Homelessness. If you would like to get involved in any way then call Nicki at the centre and she will help you get involved.

"This year the government guarantees all 16/17 year olds an offer of a place in education or training by September. Contact us if you have not had your offer"

Ready Steady Go

RSG is about to start in 5 areas within Sandwell. It will offer you basic literacy and numeracy skills and an ASDAN qualification in employability. For more info contact Kerry on 0121 505-5107

Classroom learning not for you?

Why not try an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are on the job training programmes designed to meet the needs of the employer. Not only do you get paid, but you also will get a qualification too!!!

If you are between 16 and 24, come into the centre and we will give you more information on the many different apprenticeships available. Alternatively, check out www.apprenticeships.org.uk to view hundreds of vacancies.

Entry 2 Learning

E2L is a learning development opportunity for 16-17 year olds. There are 100s of activities to choose from including **DJ Training, Nail Art** and a **Young Fire fighter**. You could also be entitled to a weekly **allowance of £30!** Come and speak to an advisor for more information.

E2E stands for Entry to Employment. It provides you with the skills you need to move onto further education, employment or a job. There are full-time and part time courses available and you may be entitled to EMA as well as travel expenses. We know lots of providers who run E2E courses so come into the centre and we'll find the right one for you.

Important Information!!!

The centre will be **CLOSED** for refurbishment on **THURSDAY the 1st** and **FRIDAY the 2nd** of **OCTOBER**.

We will be offering an alternative service at:

SWEDA
The Business Centre
Church Street
West Bromwich
B70 8RP

We will be open as usual on **MONDAY the 5th** of **OCTOBER**.

Check-out 4teen9teen.co.uk. It's got information on courses and learning providers in Sandwell. You can even apply online.

Kick Start: Life

KSL is a training programme designed to show you how to achieve what you want from life. It will help you achieve qualifications and progress into employment, apprenticeships or other learning. As part of the programme, you will get to take part in exciting activities such as sports, music, bowling, adventure training and more. Come into the centre for more information or call **0800 321222**