



## Young Adventurers: Information and referral form

West Kent runs weekly clubs for children aged eight to twelve in six areas across the District. The project is funded by Children in Need and Sevenoaks District Council and supported by local town and parish councils.

Young Adventurers provides a low cost recreational and educational activity for children and encourages team work, communication skills, self-confidence and friendship. Activities are currently run in Swanley, Sevenoaks, Edenbridge, New Ash Green, Dunton Green, West Kingsdown and Westerham.

### Who can attend Young Adventurers?

The project aims to support children aged eight to twelve who would benefit from additional recreational activities outside the home and school environment.

All children must be registered with the project and attend on a weekly basis. The clubs do not operate “drop in” activities and are not ‘youth clubs’ and as such, any child that does not attend for more than four sessions out of six in any one will have their space made available for another child. We do this for several reasons:

- To ensure that children on our waiting lists get a chance to attend the clubs
- To ensure that the group dynamics of the clubs are not in constant change
- To ensure that all children that attend benefit from the full programme of activities

The children referred to the project may be experiencing any of the following:

- Low self-esteem or be lacking in self confidence.
- Be the victim of bullying.
- Find it difficult to relate to other children.
- Have few recreational opportunities for example, due to family poverty.
- Be experiencing family disruption or illness.

In addition to the weekly clubs, the project also organises special outings which reflect the interests of the children, for example - rock climbing, visits to the theatre or museums and short residential stays. These incur an additional cost, but where possible, the project will subsidise those children whose families cannot afford to pay the full cost. All subsidies are at the discretion of the Youth Services Lead.

## How are the clubs staffed?

The clubs are staffed by a youth coordinator and youth workers directly employed by West Kent. We also encourage the involvement of adult and young volunteers. All staff and volunteers have Enhanced DBS check in place and references are taken up prior to staff or volunteers working on the project. We work on a minimum adult / child ratio of 1:10. All activities are thoroughly risk assessed.

## How are children referred to the project?

Children can be self referred, or referred through professionals, e.g. teachers and other educational staff, Early Help staff, youth workers, social workers etc.

Please complete the referral form and return by Email to: **Ross Brotherwood**, email: [ross.brotherwood@wkha.org.uk](mailto:ross.brotherwood@wkha.org.uk)

If you wish to speak to Ross, Youth Services Lead, he can be contacted on: **07711 377554**.

# Young Adventurers referral form

(confidential)

Child's name		Date
Parent or carer (main contact) Address and phone number.		
Child's date of birth		
School		

Name, job title and contact details of person making the referral.	
Please confirm that the child's parents have agreed to the referral.	

Reason for referral. (please continue on an additional page if necessary)
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