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Essex Youth Service - Colchester, Provision Information.

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Colchester Townhouse
Highwoods Youth Centre
Stanway Youth Centre

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Monday	**Inclusive Club** A provision for young people aged 11-25 with SEND	Stanway Youth Centre, Winstree Rd, Colchester, CO3 0PZ	6:30pm – 8:30pm weekly	Stanway.YCRooms@essex.gov.uk
	InterAct SEND Provision for ages 19-25.	Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1SS	4pm – 8pm Fortnightly	Heather Grant heather.grant@interact.org.uk
	Team Kinetix Parkour sessions for home-educated young people aged 11-19 and an open session for young people aged 15+	Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1SS	Home Ed Session: 12:30pm – 2:30pm Open Session: 3pm - 5:30pm Weekly	Brad Wendes info@teamkinetix.co.uk
	CLIP Sound and Music Music workshops for young people aged 11 - 19	Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1SS	School years 7-9: 4-5pm School years 10-13 5:30-7:30pm Weekly	Fraser Merrick info@clipsoundandmusic.uk
Tuesday	**Lunchtime Drop In** Open access provision for college aged young people	Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1SS	12pm – 2pm Weekly	townhouseyouth@essex.gov.uk
	Police Cadets Open to young people aged 13-18 to become part of the Volunteer Police Cadets Program promoting a practical understanding of policing and participate in community projects.	Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1SS	7pm – 9pm Weekly	Sign up by completing the following form: https://www.vpc.police.uk/be-a-cadet/application-of-interest
	InterAct Sessions for young people with SEND. Includes a range of centre based and community activities.	Alternating between Stanway Youth Centre, Winstree Rd, Colchester, CO3 0PZ & Highwoods Youth Centre, Highwoods Approach, Colchester, CO4 9BA	5:30pm – 7:30pm (Stanway) + 6:30pm-8:30pm (Highwoods) Weekly	Heather Grant heather.grant@interact.org.uk
	Video Gaming Club An online provision for young people aged 13-19 in Essex to play video games with youth workers	Online	7pm – 8:30pm Weekly	DigitalYouth@essex.gov.uk
Wednesday	**Lunchtime Drop In** Open access provision for college aged young people	Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1SS	12pm – 2pm Weekly	townhouseyouth@essex.gov.uk
	Young Essex Assembly The Official Elected Youth Council of Essex. Open to all young people aged 11-19 (Up to 25 with SEND)	Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1SS	5pm – 7pm 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.	James King James.King@essex.gov.uk
	Action for Family Carers (AFFC) Respite activities for young carers	Stanway Youth Centre, Winstree Rd, Colchester, CO3 0PZ	4:30pm – 7:30pm	Jas Luard jas.luard@affc.org.uk 07702858652

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Wednesday	**Highwoods Youth Club** Open access youth club for young people in school years 7-11	Highwoods Youth Centre, Highwoods Approach, Colchester, CO4 9BA	6:30pm – 8:30pm Weekly	highwoodsyouth@essex.gov.uk
	Tiptree Youth Project Weekly open access youth club for ages 11 – 18.	Tiptree Community Centre, 1a Caxton Cl, Tiptree, Colchester, CO5 0HA	4:30pm – 6:30pm Weekly	Andy Butt andy@tiptreeyp.org
	Youth Digivators An online provision for young people aged 13-19 in Essex who want to shape and influence the digital delivery of Essex Youth Service and ensure young people's voices are heard online.	Online	5pm - 6:30pm 4th Wednesday of the month	DigitalYouth@essex.gov.uk
Thursday	**Lunchtime Drop In** Open access provision for college aged young people	Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1SS	12pm – 2pm Weekly	townhouseyouth@essex.gov.uk
	Pokémon Club Pokémon trading card gaming session for young people aged 11-19 (up to 25 with SEND)	Dice & a Slice, 37 Queen St, Colchester CO1 2PQ	3:30pm – 6pm fortnightly.	James King James.King@essex.gov.uk
Friday	**Home Ed Youth Club** Social and activity club for home-educated young people.	Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1SS	12pm-2pm Weekly	townhouseyouth@essex.gov.uk
	Bergholt Youth Group After school generic youth club.	Orpen Memorial Hall, Lexden Rd, West Bergholt, Colchester CO6 3BW	6:30pm – 8pm Fortnightly	Claire Rodie Youthgroupbergholt@gmail.com
	Hythe Youth Club Generic open access youth club for school years 7–11.	Hythe Community Centre, 1 Ventura Drive, Colchester, CO1 2FG	6pm – 8pm Weekly.	hytheyouthclub@gmail.com
	Dedham Youth Club Generic open access youth club for school years 7 – 11.	The Duchy Barn, Royal Square, Dedham, Essex, CO7 6AH	7:30pm – 9:15pm Weekly	Paul Phillips Paul.Phillips@essex.gov.uk
Saturday	**Boys and Men Youth Club** Group for young men aged 11-18 featuring sports, mentoring, and life skills workshops.	Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1SS	11am – 2pm	Salim Higah salimhigah@boysandmen.co.uk
	African Families in the UK (AFiUK) Youth club for global majority young people aged 11+	Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1SS	2:30 – 5:30pm	Alice alice@afiuk.org
	InterAct Sessions for young people with SEND. Includes a range of centre based and community activities.	Stanway Youth Centre, Winstree Rd, Colchester, CO3 0PZ	3rd Saturday of each month, 9am-3pm.	Vickie Perkins vickie.perkins@interact.org.uk 07976781054