

Opportunities for young people

Most of the opportunities outlined in these pages are open to all residents but some are just for young people. Getting involved in your community doesn't just mean helping those in need and there are lots of opportunities across the Royal Borough for you to try new things from five-a-side football to performing opera.

KCcentral

KCcentral is the website for young people in Kensington and Chelsea. It provides a space for younger residents to access a variety of information about the borough. KCcentral has competitions, advice, news of events and details about the many services provided for young people.

If you would like to give your opinions about KCcentral and its content you could join the KCcentral Forum. The Forum is a group of young people who support the KCcentral website manager and provide content on a number of areas of the website.

 kccentral@rbkc.gov.uk

 www.rbkc.gov.uk/kccentral

Royal Court Young Writers Programme

The Royal Court Young Writers Programme is committed to developing an exciting and diverse range of new voices in the theatre. It is open to anyone between the ages of thirteen and twenty-five who wants to create and enjoy contemporary drama. The programme runs playwriting courses at the theatre, as well as holding playwriting projects in schools, youth centres and colleges.

 0207 565 5050

 ywp@royalcourttheatre.com

 www.royalcourttheatre.com

Children's Forum

The Children's Forum provides opportunities for children to debate and actively participate in local services for children.

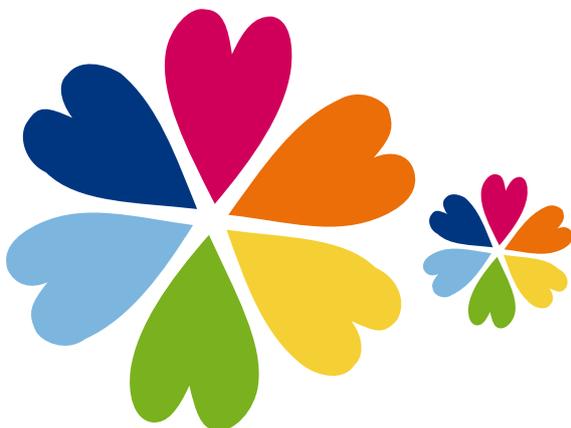
The forum is open to children aged eight to 13 who live or go to school in the Royal Borough. There are two groups which meet fortnightly from 4 to 5.30pm.

Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that children are citizens and share the same fundamental rights to participate in the decisions that affect their lives as adults.

 020 7938 8071

 chif@rbkc.gov.uk

 www.rbkc.gov.uk/kccwhats_up/volunteering





W11 Opera for Young People

Since its foundation in 1971 W11 Opera has commissioned and produced almost 30 new pieces of musical theatre, providing a rich repertoire for its cast of nine to 18 year olds. W11 Opera builds strong relationships with the cast and their parents, with everyone contributing their time and skills to the production of the annual show.

This inspiring company provides a unique opportunity for young people from all backgrounds to become involved in opera.

 auditions@w11opera.org

 www.w11opera.org

Youth Culture Television

If you have ever watched TV and wanted to get involved then YCTV will give the chance to try it out. YCTV provides free training in all aspects of television, from writing and producing to directing and editing.

You will get the opportunity to sample a variety of options and concentrate on the ones that you're most interested in. You might want to direct a film, shoot a documentary or decorate your MySpace page. YCTV will give you the chance to try it out.

 020 8964 4646

 info@yctv.org

 www.yctv.org

Sports Coaching Qualification Scheme

The scheme is a unique opportunity for young people to gain Level 1 and Level 2 coaching qualifications. It offers young people the flexibility to choose which coaching course they want to do and when they want to do it.

The scheme accepts applications throughout the year and is available to young people aged 16 to 19 years who live or go to school in the Royal Borough.

 020 7351 2346

 www.rbkc.gov.uk/sport/sportsdevelopment

Other youth activities

There are many groups where you can get involved with other young people, enjoy a variety of activities and learn new skills. These include:

The Duke of Edinburgh Award

 020 7352 3931

 saffron.burley@rbkc.gov.uk

 www.dofe.org

The Fourth Kensington Scout Group

 020 7808 0900 (The London Oratory Church)

Air Training Corps

 020 7584 8914

 whq-londonao1@atc.raf.mod.uk

 www.aircadets.org



Westway Youth Sports Academy

Westway Youth Sports Academy is open to people under 18 and offers professional football coaching, special events and competitions. There is something for everyone from beginners upwards and the emphasis is on action and involvement.

You could attend our open sessions, taught by qualified coaches. There are also holiday coaching courses for children of all abilities and special events such as five-a-side competitions, leagues and taster days organised throughout the year. In addition to our regular programme, there is also a Sunday league for local junior teams.

 020 8968 2633

 www.westway.org/sports

The Westway Development Trust also has a bursary scheme for local young people who would otherwise be financially excluded from sports activities.

 020 8962 5735

 jobrien@westway.org

Sixty Plus - Intergenerational Project

Sixty Plus is a charity that assists older people in Kensington and Chelsea to maintain their independence. Their Intergenerational Project provides opportunities for any young person aged 16 to 25 to volunteer for one hour a week to help visually impaired people, provide IT support and coaching for housebound older people or to offer help with learning English and practising conversation. The project aims to create partnerships of mutual benefit between older and younger people.

 020 8960 3722 **Volunteer Centre**

 www.sixtyplus.org.uk/services.htm

Peer tutoring

If you have an interest you want to share or if you are someone that others find easy to talk to then you could become a peer tutor. Peer tutors are volunteers aged between ten to 19 years old who support other children and young people to get the best from out of school hours learning and activities.

As a peer tutor you could help run courses in sports, art, music, film, media, homework and career advice as part of the Summer Uni activities or throughout the year.

All tutors receive training and it is a great asset for future education or employment, and a way to meet new people as well as develop new skills.

 020 7938 8053

 summeruni@rbkc.gov.uk

Work Experience at the Natural History Museum

The Natural History Museum has a work experience programme for students aged between 15 to 18 years old. The museum offers placements of up to two weeks in our specialist science departments: Botany, Entomology, Mineralogy, Palaeontology and Zoology. Given the high volumes of applications received they specifically seek students with an obvious interest in natural history and the science subjects.

To apply for a placement, students will need to complete an application form and send it in to the Volunteer Office.

 www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/volunteer/work-experience

