



Eden Christian Trust

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Impact Statement 2022

Situation

ECT is situated in Edenbridge, Kent, a growing town of approx 10,000 people. At this present time there is no secondary school in the town where young people come together. ECT is addressing the need for a safe space for young people to come together with activities, promoting community cohesion, social inclusion and interaction amongst the young people in Edenbridge.

Response

ECT continues to provide a variety of different projects to address the needs of young people to include:
ECT open access Youth Club.

ONE to ONE mentoring support groups.

Interaction via assemblies and school clubs in 4 local primary schools to promote self-esteem and a positive outlook on life.

Residential and Outdoor Camps are offered annually as part of our programme of events.

Impacts

ECT conducted a survey of attendees aged 10 – 18 in 2020 prior to Covid restrictions. The results showed that the majority of the young people who attended the Youth Club, made new friends and the club makes a positive difference to their lives, contributing to the promotion of positive mental health and wellbeing amongst young people. A new survey will be undertaken in early 2023 as it will be 9 months since the relaxing of Covid. ECT having returned fully to all it's activities.

Feedback from case study during Covid

When the Covid19 pandemic hit early 2020, all our face-to-face activity moved to the online platform Zoom including the ECT Youth Club.

For John in particular this was a lifeline throughout the lockdown periods.

As his mother explained, John is an only child, and had been in isolation more than most. This was due to isolation requests from family or School when not in a lockdown.

John attended almost every online session offered during the height of the pandemic.

His mother couldn't thank us enough for providing an outlet for him.

Similar messages were shared by other parents whose children also attended sessions.

Collaborations

West Kent Youth services working in partnership on various projects.

South Eastern Baptist Association (SEBA)

C of E Rochester Diocese

Supporting

ECT also supports the 9 ECC churches with individual Youth & children's programs and guidance. Links to these churches are listed on the front page of the ECT website.

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Resource Links

Available through the ECT website under the useful links tab.

ECT Youth Group

Images

