



Over 18,000 young people across Scotland are expelled from school each year as a result of factors ranging from poverty, lack of academic engagement and bullying to social deprivation and poor mental health.

Connect @ Centrestage is available to young people of secondary school age and champions a strengths-based approach for those struggling to 'fit in' to the school environment, delivering the supports that lead to increased attainment and engagement. With the positive mental health and wellbeing of each young person at the forefront of Connect, we build relationships and a bespoke programme of activities to ensure that each young person is supported to feel happy, safe and included in an environment that develops their strengths and unlocks their potential, instilling the firm foundations that will ultimately lead to improved attainment.

Activities are offered during school hours, after school, during weekends and over school holiday periods, with wider support also provided to families when required.

Progression to work experience, volunteering, further education, qualifications and employment is offered through involvement with extended Centrestage services, WorkingRite and wider partners.

Festival of Fun provides a series of themed Performing Arts workshops within Primary classes to groups of all sizes and backgrounds, bespoke to the requirements of the school. At the culmination of each programme of music theatre, dance, acting and singing, a #funfoodfolk event is held within the school or at Centrestage by arrangement, to which families and friends are invited to celebrate the achievements of the young people.



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