



local
mencap
Maidstone

Who are we?



- ▶ Maidstone Mencap is a local charity supporting young adults and children who have learning difficulties, additional needs or disabilities.
- ▶ Our vision is to make a positive difference to the lives of those with learning disabilities, their families and carers, within Maidstone and its surrounding areas.
- ▶ We achieve our vision by; enabling and empowering the children and young people in our care to achieve their full potential.
- ▶ Providing the best possible start and support through care, education and therapy support from their early years onwards;
- ▶ Providing quality social and leisure activities and opportunities for self fulfilment within our safe and caring environment.
- ▶ We are affiliated to national Mencap but rely on local volunteers and local community fundraising.



What we do?

Cobtree Playschool for Special Children

A registered provider of nursery education for children age 2 to 5.

Junior Gateway - A Saturday club for 5 – 15 year olds

Holiday Club - A summer club for those aged 5-18 y

Youth Club - A club for 16-25 year olds.

- *Also in the Hall at Maidstone Mencap...*

Senior Gateway – A weekly club for adults.

The Music Man project- a weekly music group for young adults

Terry Support- a weekly day group for young adult



Activities with the children



Activities we provide, include:

- ▶ Sensory, heuristic play opportunities
- ▶ Music and singing
- ▶ Arts and Craft
- ▶ Messy play, indoors and out
- ▶ Many play resources and equipment
- ▶ Cooking

In the summer extra activities include:

- ▶ Swimming
- ▶ Extended Park visits,
and the miniature railway

Youth club outings in the community include:

- ▶ Bowling
- ▶ Swimming
- ▶ Trampoline park





Your support

In order to run these services, we depend on our volunteers, donations and fund raising events.

- ▶ You can help by supporting our fundraising events
- ▶ Organising or running sponsored events
- ▶ Donating money or raffle prizes
- ▶ Becoming a volunteer at Junior Gateway on a Saturday morning 9.30am - 12.30pm. Either weekly or fortnightly, in term time.
- ▶ Check out our website maidstonemencp.org and follow our Facebook page for further details

Why volunteer?

The benefits of volunteering can be enormous...

- ▶ It's really good fun and fulfilling for those we care for and all in our team
- ▶ You get loads back from those you work with, making a valuable contribution to our community.
- ▶ You meet all sorts of people, making friends, learning new skills and broadens your social network
- ▶ It increases your self confidence, and gives you a sense of pride and natural sense of accomplishment..
- ▶ It provides excellent work experience for chosen career, supporting your personal statement and the important skills to use in a workplace such as teamwork and communication
- ▶ Counts for community service as part of Duke of Edinburgh.





It's good fun!

Volunteers go on to . . .

- ▶ Social work
- ▶ Medicine
- ▶ Nursing
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Physiotherapy or Osteopathy
- ▶ Speech and Language therapy
- ▶ Working with people who have special needs
- ▶ Design (equipment for people with special needs)



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