



Because the international mobility is too often limited to the most privileged populations, the partners of the Cyber Youth Connection programme offer the young people from Medway the opportunities to take part in exchange visits in France and in the UK.

This project, initially suggested by the Medway Council, aims to build on the activities enjoyed by young people from both sides of the Channel to implement cross border projects. What better way of practicing artistic or recreational activities than by sharing them with French young people of the same age!

Thanks to the cybersessions, web tools, social media (Facebook) and videos, the young people can perform a choreographed dance, a music show, be involved in a contest or cook a meal together.



Kayleigh (Medway)

« I learned a lot which I didn't know before during the CYC catering and Hospitality course at the MidKent College. I learned a lot about French culture and language and both the French and British young people worked really well together ».



Keyla (Medway)

« I am starting a level 2 course in cooking in September at MidKent College and I feel as if this really helped me with my decision. Meeting other people from France was great. The French people were very good and caught onto English fast ».



Florent (Pas de Calais)

« I learned a lot during this course. We improved our English, during the training, the English young people taught us English words and vice versa. We worked in pairs with the English people. The atmosphere was great! »



The CYC project was selected under the European Cross-border Cooperation Programme INTERREG IV A France (Channel)-England, co-funded by the ERDF.



Cyber Youth Connection is a cross-border project where young people aged 11 to 25 can gain skills and experience in music, cookery, motorbike, mechanics and safe riding, as well as media including filming and photography. The project is composed of three French social centres from Nord-Pas-de-Calais Region, four partners from Brittany and of two British local authorities.

NINE PARTNERS ARE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT:

UK partners:

- Medway Council
- Suffolk County Council

French partners from Nord-Pas-de-Calais:

- le Centre Socio-culturel Audrey Bartier de Wimereux
- le Centre Social Jean Ferrat d'Arques
- le Centre Social Eclaté de Saint-Martin-Boulogne

French partners from Brest:

- la MJC/Maison Pour Tous de Pen ar Créac'h
- la Maison pour Tous du Vally-Hir
- le Bureau Information Jeunesse
- la Ville de Brest

This cross border youth development programme will aim to achieve the following objectives:

- To engage the young people from local communities to take part in new opportunities
- To raise aspirations among young people and encourage them to acquire skills for career development,
- To develop their physical and mental mobility by travelling to and exploring new places to broaden their horizons

CYC offers young people the chance to engage in creative activities which will enable them to learn new skills and improve their employability. It is also a great opportunity to meet young people from other regions in the UK and France who face common issues and share similar aspirations

The project plans to organise exchange visits between young people and professionals, cross border events and regular exchanges between the young people via the cyber sessions (video conferencing).

All of the activities have been based around increasing aspirations, learning new skills and developing job opportunities for young people.

