

CULTURE

YOUTH CLUBS IN THE UK

FACTFILE

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Some young people go to youth clubs after school or at the weekend.

Youth clubs are places where all young people can go. They don't cost a lot of money and some youth clubs are free (you pay no money). At a youth club you can:

- ★ plan the things you want to do
- ★ meet other young people
- ★ learn new things
- ★ do fun activities

1 Work in pairs. Talk about the questions.

- 1 What do you do after school?
- 2 Where do you go after school?
- 3 What do you like doing with your friends?

CITY YOUTH CLUB

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Are you 10–18 years old?
Open Monday to Friday, 5 pm–8 pm.
Only £5 a year.

A place for all
young people!

WELCOME TO THE CYC BLOG. FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!

I'm Tom. There's a living room area at the club. I like sitting on the sofas and **talking to friends**. I've got lots of friends at the club. I'm happy here.

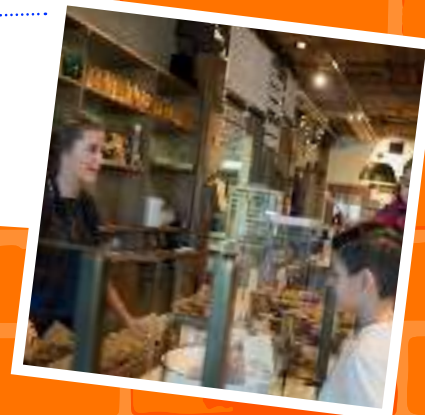
I'm Sam. There's a skateboard park at the club and I love **skateboarding**. I haven't got a skateboard, but that's OK. The club's got skateboards for people to use.

I'm Lily. I like **doing arts and crafts**. We can paint pictures and make things, too. Mark is a helper in the arts and crafts room. He's really nice. People talk to him about their problems.

I'm Kate. There's a coffee shop and you can buy food and drink there. I help in the coffee shop on Fridays.

I'm Rose. I like **rock climbing** and there's a big climbing wall at the club. You can do rock climbing on Mondays and Wednesdays.

I'm Mark. I work at the club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I'm a volunteer – I don't get money for my work. I like **helping people**.



2 Read the City Youth Club blog. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- 1 The City Youth Club is for young and old people. ☐
- 2 There are lots of different things you can do at the youth club. ☐
- 3 You have to pay money for every activity. ☐

3 Read the blog again. Write the names.

- 1 Who works at City Youth Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays?
- 2 Who feels happy at City Youth Club?
- 3 Who is at the club on Mondays and Wednesdays?
- 4 Who hasn't got a skateboard?
- 5 Who likes painting pictures?
- 6 Who helps in the coffee shop on Fridays?

4 Match the **highlighted** activities in the blog to the sentences.

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- 1 I like being creative and making things.
- 2 I do this on a special wall.
- 3 Teachers are good at this when students have got problems.
- 4 Some people can jump when they do this.
- 5 I like doing this on the phone, or when I meet people.

5 Write true sentences about you. Use the activities in Exercise 4.

Start with:

I like ... I don't like ... I don't know if I like ...

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6 Listen to Sophia talking about her youth club. **Underline** five activities she talks about.

basketball board games coding football
music running table tennis



TALKING POINTS

Which youth club do you prefer, City Youth Club or Fun Zone Youth Club? Why?
What activities are good to do at a youth club?
What do you like about them?

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7 Listen again. Choose the correct words and phrases.

- 1 What do some people like doing in the living room area?
a playing board games **b** painting pictures
- 2 What does Jack like playing at the club?
a tennis **b** table tennis
- 3 What sport can you do on Mondays and Wednesdays?
a basketball **b** badminton
- 4 What sport can you do on Tuesdays and Thursdays?
a football **b** baseball
- 5 What is Sophia's favourite room at the club?
a art room **b** music room
- 6 What can Sophia do?
a sing **b** play the guitar

PROJECT

A blog page

Imagine there's a youth club near your school. Work in small groups and write a blog page about the youth club. You can use the colourful headings and questions. Then find some photos or pictures for your blog.

Information

- What's the name of your youth club?
- When is it open?
- Who can go there?

Things you can do

- What different activities can people do there?

Places at the club

- What different rooms/areas are there?

Present your blog to the class. Take turns to talk. One person says the name of the club, when it's open and who can go. Another person talks about something you can do there and the room. Another person talks about another thing you can do.