

## ConneXions

ConneXions is an innovative cross-border service supporting people with disabilities to participate in social networks. It is delivered by The Cedar Foundation, in partnership with National Learning Network.

The three-year project was set up in October 2010 and will support networks in the Newry, Dundalk, L/Derry and Letterkenny areas. It will support and enable people with disabilities to participate in a range of activities in their local community and to set up and maintain social networks.

ConneXions is available to adults with disability living in one of the four border areas listed above.

Referrals can come from a variety of sources including:

- Social services
- Community/voluntary organisations
- Self referrals

For further information please get in touch with your local contact:

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**Or email:**

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There are two key elements within the ConneXions service:

- Providing training and support to disabled people, who will set up and develop local social networks. The groups will encourage and support others to take part in activities in their local communities.
- Carrying out research which will help us to understand what prevents people with disabilities from participating in social activities in their local community. This information will then be presented to a Strategic Forum

Through ConneXions, staff will support individuals with disabilities to successfully engage in a range of social and community based activity and to address the barriers they face in participating.



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