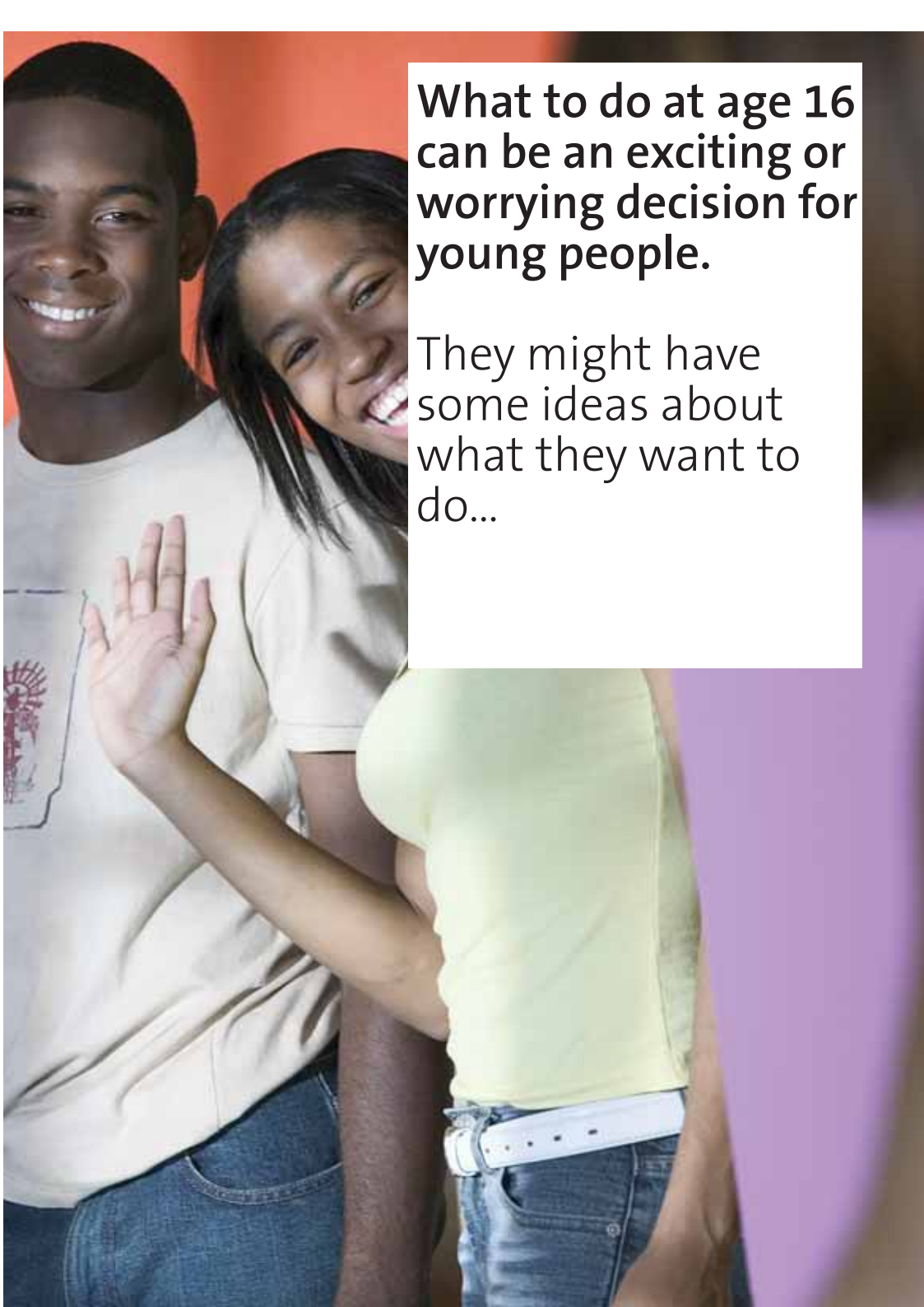


For parents and carers of young people who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

[Planning for the future]



What to do at age 16 can be an exciting or worrying decision for young people.

They might have some ideas about what they want to do...

They might want to:

- keep learning at school or at college.

- get some training or start a job.

They might choose to speak to you about their plans for the future.

Connexions personal advisers, teachers and friends can help and support you and them.

Section 139a assessment

What is a section 139a assessment?

It is an assessment of:

- › a young person's education or training needs
- › the support that will be needed.

Who gets an assessment?

A young person will get one before leaving school or college to take up a different course at a college or going on to work-based learning and if s/he:

- › has a statement of special educational needs or
- › needs extra help at school.

Who is involved?

- › The young person, whose opinions are the most important.
- › The Connexions personal adviser.

Other people might include:

- › you
- › teachers and other school staff
- › the young person's social worker (*if there is one*)
- › the health worker (*if there is one*)
- › other professionals.

What happens to the information?

- › The Connexions personal adviser writes the section 139a report.
- › The report will be shared with the college or work-based learning provider the young person has chosen. This will help to make sure that support is provided to manage the course or training.
- › We will only share the information in the report if the young person has told us it is okay to do this.



Further information

- › Connexions Direct: information and advice for young people. www.connexions-direct.com
- › Connexions West of England easy read site: information about learning, training, work and life. <http://easyread.connexionswest.org.uk>
- › Futures4Me: local learning and training opportunities. www.futures4me.co.uk/woe
- › Jobs4U: job descriptions and the qualifications needed. www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u
- › Money to Learn: financial help to stay in learning. www.direct.gov.uk/moneytolearn
- › National Parent Partnership Network: information, advice and support for parents and carers. Includes links to local support groups. www.parentpartnership.org.uk
- › Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities. www.skill.org.uk

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