

Participation of Children in Care and Care Leavers



Participation People- Who are we?

Participation People believe services improve when you work creatively with the people who use them. We care about IMPACT and the difference made to peoples' everyday lives. We want to help you and young people improving services together. Co-creating a bright and bold future, together.

We have been working with Middlesbrough Borough Council since August 2021 to make services better for the young people who live here.

We have some 5 #YouthVoice work strands, these are:

1. Middlesbrough Youth Council
2. Middlesbrough in Care Councils
3. Middlesbrough Young Champions
4. Middlesbrough Young Researchers
5. Middlesbrough Young Journalists

Participation People facilitate open, safe, and inclusive spaces with these #YouthVoice Forums regularly. Each group co-creates fun and engaging opportunities for their peers and decision-makers (like you!) to get involved in service improvement activities, campaigns and events.

Participation People - Who are we?

Our Middlesbrough Team



Antonia - CEO



Hannah- Programme Manager



**Laurie
Youth Council and Young Champions Lead Support Youth Council (Contractor)**



Fred



Xavier- In Care Councils



Kathy- In Care Councils



Ed- Young Researcher Lead



Alice- Young Researcher Lead

December Progress

After the Big Takeover, we have continued to support the Young People and recruit new young people to our groups.

- **The re-launch of the Care Experienced #YouthVoice Forums is here!** Activities and workshops are planned for the Children in Care Council, Care Leaver's Forum and Mini Children in Care Council (18th and 20th January 2022).
- **Celebration events** (postponed from Christmas due to the Covid-19 pandemic) have been rescheduled February half term.
- **Young Champions-** Continued support, training and development workshops have been delivered to young people who took part in BIG Takeover. Young Champions have had AQA accredited training in: teamwork, communication and confidence.
- **Young Researchers-** Middlesbrough Young Researchers launched December 2021. The group have started their training and induction into youth led participatory action research. Their remit is to find out what other Young People REALLY think about growing up, living and studying in Middlesbrough.
- **Youth Council-** Middlesbrough Youth Council are running an election to elect their next Members of Youth Parliament for Middlesbrough. These young people will represent all of Middlesbrough's voices on a regional and national stage.



Care Experienced #YouthVoice Flyers

Want to have Fun, meet other Young People and have a Voice?



- Are you 'Looked After'?
- Between 7-12 Years?
- Full of ideas?
- Want to be heard?

Then come and join Middlesbrough's
Mini Children In Care Council

18th, 25th January and 8th February
4 - 5.30pm

For more information contact

Xavier_davies@middlesbrough.gov.uk

or Text **I'm In**, with your name and age
to Kathy on **07926580007**



Want to have Fun, meet other Young People and have a Voice?



- Are you Care Experienced?
- Between 13 - 17 Years?
- Full of ideas?
- Want to be heard?

Then come and join Middlesbrough's
Children In Care Council

18th, 25th January and 8th February
6 - 7.30pm

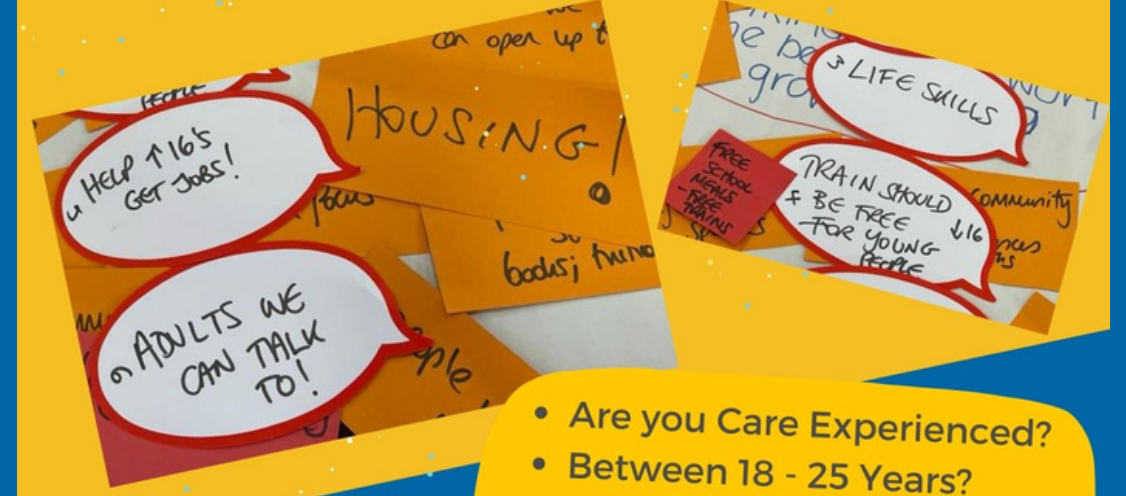
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Want to have Fun, meet other Young Adults and have a Voice?



- Are you Care Experienced?
- Between 18 - 25 Years?
- Full of ideas?
- Want to be heard?

Then come and join Middlesbrough's
Care Leavers Forum

20th, 27th January and 10th February
5.30 - 7.00pm

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Care Experienced #YouthVoice Roadmap for 2022



Middlesbrough Care Experienced #YouthVoice Road Map



JAN
2022

FEB
2022

MAR
2022

APR
2022

MAY
2022

Middlesbrough's Care Experienced #YouthVoice Road Map



JUNE
2022

JULY
2022

- Re-launch of in person sessions for CLF, CICC and Mini CICC.
- In Care Council develop teamwork, confidence, and communication skills.
- PULSE poll sent to care experienced children and young people on social activities they want to take part in.
- Begin working on Satisfaction Survey for Children in Care in Middlesbrough and build this into Audit practices.

- New Year, New Promises workshop for Corporate Parents, facilitated by Care Leaver Forum.
- Emotional Flashlight creative workshops for care experienced young people and Care Leavers.
- Celebration planning with children who are care experienced and professionals.

- BRANDING workshop for In Care Forums for new #YouthVoice SWAG!
- Social activities for Care Leavers, care experienced young people, and Corporate Parents.
- #YouthVoice Champions Training Residential including Care Leavers and young people who are care experienced.
- Celebration & Awards events; co-facilitated by Care Leaver Forum and in Care Council.

- Reverse Mentoring for #YouthVoice Champions and Service Leads starts!
- Co-produce review of Middlesbrough Promise.
- Social activities for Care Leavers, care experienced young people, and Corporate Parents.

- Youth-Led Inspection of Social Care service by care experienced young people.
- #YouthProof to Future Proof MBC's formal governance processes and policies with professionals, led by Care Leaver Forum.

- Reverse Take-Over Challenge Corporate Parents "take over" from a Care Leaver for the week.
- What's it like to be a child in care training, facilitated by Middlesbrough's Care Leaver Forum for professionals and foster carers.

- Social activities for Care Leavers, care experienced young people, and Corporate Parents.
- Co-production iLabs, led by Care Leavers for decision makers to unpack data from satisfaction survey, training and events.
- Care Experienced Participation Action Plan co-produced with Corporate Parents and In Care Councils.

Challenges - Covid-19

We have been and continue to work with Middlesbrough's young people to support them to safely take part in activities throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. We have put extra special measures in place to protect them (us and you!). These are:

- Pre session Covid questionnaires completed
- Temperature Checks
- Lateral flow tests
- Hand sanitizer
- Mask Wearing
- Well ventilated spaces (bring a coat!)

In the event that national or local guidance prevents us from meeting in person a virtual delivery has been and will continued to be offered.