

# Middlesbrough Participation

## #YouthVoice Update

### January 2022

Participation People 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 workstrands. These are:



1. Middlesbrough Young Champions



2. Middlesbrough Youth Council and Members of Youth Parliament for Middlesbrough



3. Middlesbrough Care Experienced Youth Voice Forums



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.

# 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 help you:

- Improve organisational performance.
- Be responsive and agile to the changing needs of children, young people, families and communities.
- Increase resources and or repurpose resources to effectively meet the needs of children, young people and families.
- Improve service reputation - internally and externally.
- Improve satisfaction with staff, volunteers, young people, schools and families.
- Show the impact #YouthVoice work has and help you share this in a way everyone understands.
- Empower everyone you work with to listen to, value and act on young people's voices, perceptions and lived experiences.



All our projects are **playful in practice** and **serious about solutions**.

Our team are **kind, curious, and courageous**. We know this helps children, young people and adults feel listened to, heard, and know that their voices have been acted upon.

All of this helps:

- Everyone has fun.
- Everyone feels empowered.
- Develop an influential community voice.
- Decision makers develop actionable plans, co-produced with young people and local decision makers..
- Challenge the views and perceptions of all those engaged.
- Build projects that are self-sustaining by building capacity or securing additional funding.

# Your Middlesbrough #YouthVoice Team

We have an amazing team of professionals who facilitate these groups and ensure young people are having FUN!

## Participation People- Who are we?

### Our Middlesbrough Team



Antonia - CEO



Hannah- Programme Manager

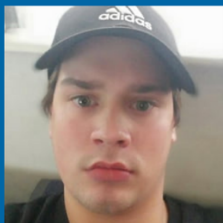


Laurie



Fred

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



Xavier- In Care Councils



Kathy- In Care Councils



Ed- Young Researcher Lead



Alice- Young Researcher Lead



To contact any of the team contact Hannah at [HannahW@ParticipationPeople.com](mailto:HannahW@ParticipationPeople.com) who will put you in touch!

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## #YouthVoice Snapshot

This is what each group has what we have been getting up to and planning so we can have an amazing new year filled with #YouthVoice!



### IN CARE COUNCILS

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 Youth Voice Forums - 2022's relaunch

We have been busy planning the relaunch of the Mini Children in Care Council, Children in Care Council and Care Leaver Forum.

**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**

For more information contact  
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**Want to have Fun, meet other Young Adults and have a Voice?**

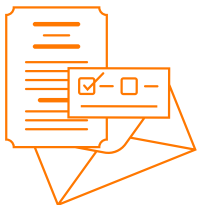


- Are you Care Experienced?
- Between 18 - 25 Years?
- Full of ideas?
- Want to be heard?

**Then come and join Middlesbrough's Care Leavers Forum**

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

For more information contact  
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or Text **I'm In**, with your name and age  
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Once the groups have had their first meetings, they will be deciding what projects, events and activities they would like to prioritise.

Keep an eye out for invitations from them to you; as they would love for you to join them. This will help you listen to young people's voices who are care experienced to inform your role as a corporate parent.

# Our 2022 Plan ✨

Below is a brief snapshot of everything we have planned for your care experienced youth voice forums 2022...



## Middlesbrough Care Experienced #YouthVoice Road Map



## CONTACT

**Contact [HannahW@participationpeople.com](mailto:HannahW@participationpeople.com)** ...for more information on Middlesbrough's #YouthVoice activities, campaigns, projects, and events. We would LOVE to hear from you!



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