

Middlesbrough Participation

#YouthVoice Update

February 2022

Participation People have recently relaunched the following groups for care experienced young people to come together, have a voice and be able to influence key decision makers when developing their services.



Middlesbrough Mini Children in Care Council - a group for care experienced young people between the ages of 7-12 years



Middlesbrough Children in Care Council - a group for care experienced young people between the ages of 13-17 years



Middlesbrough Care Leavers Forum - a group for care experienced young adults between the ages of 18 -25 years

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.

January 2022 - February 2022

#YouthVoice Snapshot



MINI CICC

The re-launch took place on the 18th January. We invited young people to come to Eastside Community Hub 4 -5.30pm. Two sessions took place but no-one came.

We are going to run a fun activity session with this age group on the 24th February. We will ask them and send out a survey to other looked after young people, to tell us, if they want to have fun and have a voice, what would they like to do. We will use their feedback to create activities they would like.



CICC

The re-launch took place on the 18th January. Inviting young people to come to the Easterside Community Hub 6 -7.30pm.

Three young people expressed an interest to join, with one young person attending the group. So far he has helped design a draft survey that will be sent to all looked after young people and care leavers, wrote a piece about himself which has been shared in an email to all key managers and identified two areas he would like to work on.



CARE LEAVERS FORUM

The relaunch took place on the 20th January. inviting them to come to the Pathways buiding.

We have seven young adults who have joined the group. Some attending virtually. They have helped design a draft survey that will be sent to all looked after young people and care leavers, identified key issues they would like to work on, created a Terms of Reference and Group agreement.

Care Experienced Youth Voice Forums - 2022's relaunch

We have been very busy telling the teams and care leavers about the relaunch of the groups by:

- Messaging 135 care leavers
- Emailing Designated Teachers to inform their young people
- Emailing the flyers (see below) to all the relevant Managers
- Speaking directly to Managers
- Attending Team meetings
- Emailing Managers the message written by a young person
- Posting information about the groups on the fostering Facebook page

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**

Participation People Middlesbrough CHILDREN MATTER

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

**We meet every Tuesday 5.30-7pm
Easterside Community Hub TS4 3PZ**

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Then come and join Middlesbrough's Care Leavers Forum

**Every Thursday 5.30-7pm.
Pathways building - TS1 3LF.**

Join us Virtually if you can't physically make.

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The CiCC and Care Leavers Forum have had three great meetings so far and have decided what key issues they would like to prioritise. Please read their Feedback cards

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



JAN
2022

FEB
2022

MAR
2022

APR
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.



Middlesbrough's Care Experienced #YouthVoice Road Map



MAY
2022

JUNE
2022

JULY
2022

- **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.

Our 2022 Plan

Dates for your Diary



Celebration and Co-Production Sessions

Thursday 24th February

10.00- 11.30am - 7-12 year olds

1.00 - 2.30pm - 13-17 years olds



Easter Holidays Fun Day and Co-Production Sessions

Thursday 14th April

10- 11.30am - 7-12 year olds

1.00- 2.30pm - 13-17 years olds

3.30-5pm - 18- 25 year olds



Summer Picnic and Youth Voice Workshops

Thursday 2nd June

10- 11.30am - 7-12 year olds

1.- 2.30pm - 13-17 years olds

3.30-5pm - 18- 25 year olds



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



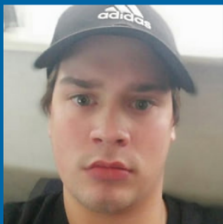
Hannah- Programme Manager



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



Fred
Support Youth Council (Contractor)



Xavier- In Care Councils



Kathy- In Care Councils



Ed- Young Researcher Lead



Alice- Young Researcher Lead

CONTACT

Contact 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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Appendices

CARE LEAVERS FORUM - FEEDBACK CARD

We are.....

Care experienced young people between 18-25 years. Who want to have a voice and be heard by key decision makers, who will act on what we say and positively change services to meet our needs.

Our first meeting was held on Thursday 20th January 2022.

We had four young adults attend -Hailey, Reben, Jasmin and Bethany

The group is supported by

- **Xavier Davies** a Middlesbrough Apprentice and Care leaver
- **Kathy Peacock** - from Participation people

We.....

- Got to know each other a little by telling each other about ourselves.
- Heard Kathy talk about what the group is for.
- Were asked if we could change anything about our support what would it be

We said

- We need to have ID -
- Information about how we can access to our care records
- More preparation to live independently
- Young mums need more support
- We need to understand what makes a positive/negative relationship
- We want a trusting relationship with our PA

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We meet every Thursday
17:30-19:00pm

We had five young adults attend -Hailey, Reben, Jasmin, Keane and AJ

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We.....

- Got to know each other a little by telling each other - Rose (what has gone well) Thorn (what has not gone so well)
- Heard what we talked about last time and asked to prioritise our key issues
- We were told about a survey being designed for all looked after young people, care leavers, shown the work undertaken at the CiCC group and asked to give our views.

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CARE LEAVERS FORUM - FEEDBACK CARD

We.....

Prioritised our issues

1/ Life skills - including cooking, self care, budgeting, entitlements, ID, Birth certificate etc
2/ Relationships - including with PA's, family, partners. Looking at safe relationships, DV impact, being a young parent.

Agreed to explore these areas over the next few weeks and were asked if we knew any professional/s to invite to our meeting to help us explore these areas,

Also, we talked about the survey which will be sent to all looked up and care leavers. We gave some ideas of things to be included.



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We had two young adults attend -Hailey and Jasmin (who came with her little boy)
Keane and AJ sent their apologies



We.....

- Played 2 truths and a lie and found out that Xavier has met the queen
- We were shown the draft survey questions and made some amends.
- Created a group agreement
- Created a Terms of Reference for the group

Group Agreements:

- Not judgemental
- Appropriately challenge (if needed)
- Everyone included
- Be mindful of everyone
- Everyone have a say
- Confidential (stays in room)
- No question is a silly question
- Always be kind
- Respectful of everyone's opinion

the group will meet weekly at 5.30pm-7.00pm
we will meet at pathways
the group age range is 18-25
1 week notice for professionals who wish to attend the meeting and why? how and where will our information be used?
professionals will be invited back for us to get feedback.

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Care experienced young people between 13-17 years. Who want to have a voice and be heard by key decision makers and professionals, who will act on what we say and positively change services to meet our needs.

Our first meeting was held on Tuesday 18th January 2022.

We had one young person attend - Leon (16 Years).

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We.....

- Got to know each other a little by telling the group what had gone well/not so well in our week
- Listened to Leon tell us he had been part of the old CiCC before and had really enjoyed it but he was the only one at that group also.
- Heard about his studies at school and his future plans

We said

Leon was asked if he had to come up with his key priorities at the moment, what would they be.

He said

- Being able to trust the people who support you
- False promises should not be made

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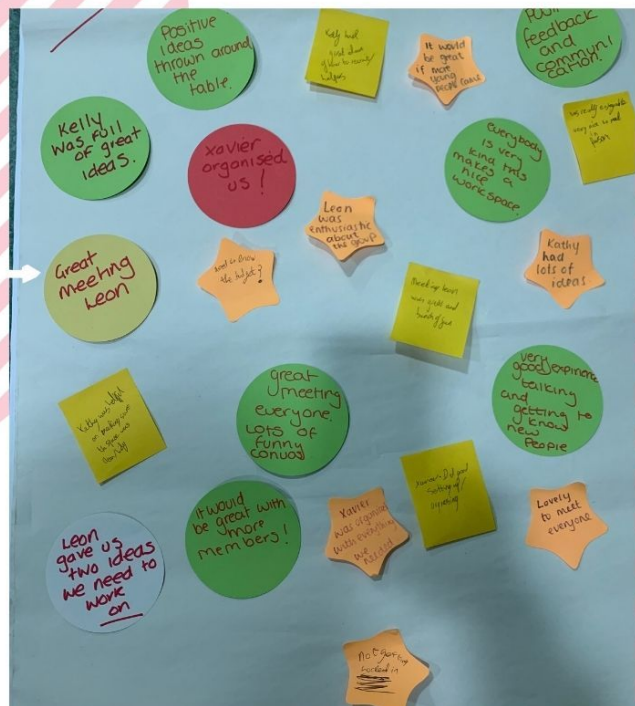
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We.....

- Had some snacks and chatted about each others day.
- We all gave our thoughts about how we felt the last meeting went
- Talked about designing a survey to be sent to all Looked after young people and care leavers.
- Talked to Leon about a residential in March



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CICC - FEEDBACK CARD

2

We Said

Survey

- Change Designated teacher to School, as young people might understand this better.
- Add Pathways team after Personal Advisor.
- Add Foster Carer, Guardian/Care Giver/PEP advisor and Keyworker in support.
- Need a catchy name for the survey and include the incentive in the email/survey to encourage young people to complete.
- Should we be asking young people to give their name/DOB? We need their email/contact number if in the prize draw

CiCC Event - 24th Feb

- Looking at running a session 10 - 11:30am for the mini CICC and repeating it at 1-2:30pm for the CiCC. Kelly cab help in the afternoon
- Xavier and Kathy checked out the Lane7 Bowling Alley but it is not suitable.
- Xavier and Kathy to check out Rock Antics and Ice Skating
- Xavier will enquire at Middlebrough Football club.

What We Said Will.....

- Survey shared with the Care Leavers Forum, for them to add their ideas.
- Ideas included within the survey and checked back with us.
- Update on suitable venues shared with us.

For more information about this group.

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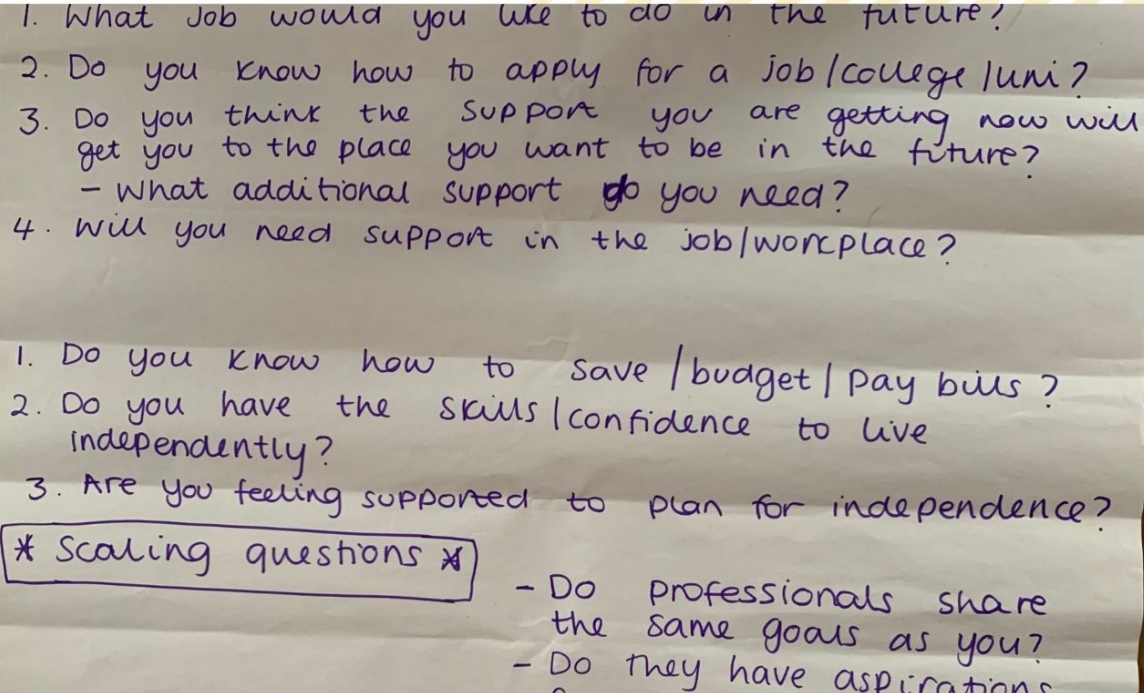
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CICC - FEEDBACK CARD 2

We Said

Leon gave us some great ideas of the kind of questions we could ask other young people.....

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1. What job would you like to do in the future?
 2. Do you know how to apply for a job/college/uni?
 3. Do you think the support you are getting now will get you to the place you want to be in the future?
- What additional support do you need?
 4. Will you need support in the job/workplace?
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1. Do you know how to save/budget/pay bills?
 2. Do you have the skills/confidence to live independently?
 3. Are you feeling supported to plan for independence?
- * Scaling questions ***
- Do professionals share the same goals as you?
 - Do they have aspirations

What We Said Will.....

- Be shared with the Care Leavers Forum, for them to add their ideas.
- Be included within the survey and checked with us.

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We.....

- Did a quick Ice Breaker - say something about your week - Rose (positive, Thorn (Not so good)
- We looked at the draft survey. Leon liked it and gave some ideas on what to add.
- We talked about the CiCC fun event on the 24th Feb.
- We talked about adding some information about ourselves to a new flyer to be sent to young people
- Were told Leon can't make the residential but he is happy to be a helper at the CiCC fun event.

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