MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD



Report of: Kathy Peacock - Youth Voice & Influence Contractor

Participation People

Submitted to: Corporate Parenting Board- 27th April 2022

Subject: Your Voice and Influence

Contribution to the guiding principles of the Corporate Parenting Strategy

Your Home

Your Family and Friends

Your Education

Your Adult Life

Your Health and wellbeing

Your Voice and Influence - Yes

Is the report confidential or does it contain exempt information?

No

What is the purpose of this report?

To update the Corporate Parents on Youth Voice activities that have taken place and being proposed.

Report Background

Please refer to Appendix 1

Appendices

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Recommendations

Information only

Why is this being recommended?

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N/A

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

N/A

Legal

N/A

Financial

N/A

Policy Framework

N/A

Equality and Diversity

N/A

Risk

N/A

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

N/A

Background Papers

Body	Report title	Date
Corporate Parenting Board	Participation Youth Voice Update	30.3.2022

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APPENDIX 1



Middlesbrough Participation #YouthVoice Update April 2022

Participation People facilitate open, safe, and inclusive spaces with these #YouthVoice forums. 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.



Middlesbrough Children in Care Council - a group for care experienced young people between the ages of 10-17 years





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





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Children In Care Council (currently six members)

- The two OFSTED inspectors visited their group on the 29th March. They asked the young people questions about their care support and received positive examples of current support at school, from their social worker and knowing their plans. The young people did raise the issue that they wanted less changes of social workers and the inspectors said they would raise this issue in their meeting with the Children's Director the following morning. The inspectors heard about what the CICC had been doing and joined them in an activity to identify what they needed to reach their goals.
- Sue Butcher joined their group on the 5th April. She told them the
 inspectors really enjoyed their time with the group and that they had
 spoken to her about their issue of having too many changes of social
 workers. She explained what work was happening to bring experienced
 social workers into the Council and the incentives offered to ensure they
 stayed.
- The group met Keith from the Middlesbrough Football Foundation to plan a football themed activity day on the 28th July for care experienced young people. Part of the day will involve asking the young people questions about their support experiences.
- The group choose to have a fun activity instead of their group on the 12th April. We all went bowling.
- The group will continue working on the issues they have identified and will give feedback to key decision makers.



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Care Leavers Forum (Currently two members)

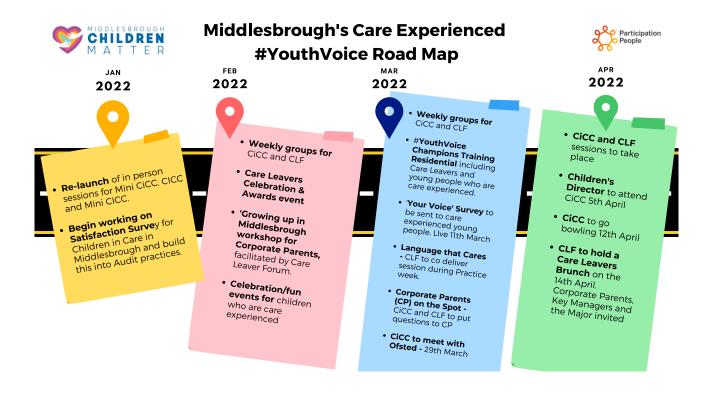
- Numbers have decreased due to several members moving out of the area, one returning to work and one being heavily pregnant.
- We have one care leaver who attends every meeting and is very committed and enthusiastic. She is keen to grow the group and has been instrumental in organising the Care Leavers Brunch that will take place on the 14th April (10.30-1pm at the Folk in the Road). We plan to market the group during the event.
- We are working with the Pathways Team and every two weeks the social group they run will be taken over by Participation People to run engagement activities.
- The Children's Commissioner Office has given the CLF 200 free membership codes for Breethe - a wellbeing app.

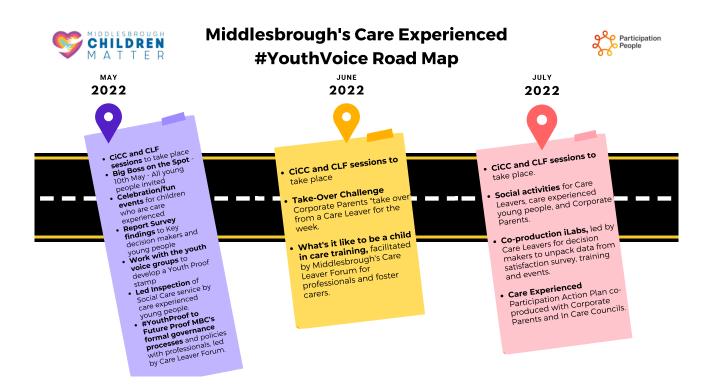
Breethe

https://breethe.com/

These codes will be sent out to care levers who might find it useful







Your Middlesbrough #YouthVoice Team

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



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Contact HannahW@participationpeople.com ...for more information on Middlesbrough's #YouthVoice activities, campaigns, projects, and events. We would LOVE to hear from you! @ParticipationPP



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