

Children in Care Council and Care Leavers Forum Update

Workshop for Corporate Parents- 25th October 2021 (Care Leaver's Week)

The Care Leavers Forum ran an hour long 'A Day in the Life of a Child in Care' workshop for Corporate Parents during Care Leavers Week the themes included,

- Communicating effectively with and about young people.
- Stereotypes of children and young people in care.
- Pledges to children in care and care leavers in Middlesbrough.

The members of the Care Leavers forum facilitated this workshop for members of the Corporate Parenting Board to attend and find out more about the challenges that care experienced young people in Middlesbrough face each day.

Corporate Parent attendees were then invited to pledge a promise to the Care Leavers of Middlesbrough. The attached slide shows these pledges, demonstrating what corporate parents were able to take away from the session. Please see supporting pledges document.

The Care Leaver's Forum are keen to put on another session and create another workshop for elected members to attend.

The Middlesbrough BIG Takeover! 22nd-26th November

Middlesbrough Children Matter and Participation People planned a BIG Takeover event running from 22nd-26th November. The Middlesbrough BIG Takeover gave young people a chance to take over the role of a senior leader at Middlesbrough Borough Council for the week!

There was a number of Children in Care and Care Leavers who took part in this event. The aim of the week was for young people to support a senior decision maker with a big business challenge in their service area and using their youth perspective and lived experience of growing up in Middlesbrough, make some suggestions to make Middlesbrough an even better place for young people! Please see supporting document to hear what they got up to and how they influenced change within Middlesbrough Borough Council during their BIG Takeover Week!