

Corporate Parent Workshop

During Care Leavers Week, our Care Leaver Forum delivered a workshop with Middlesbrough elected members and asked each to pledge one thing to help children in care & care leavers.

I PLEDGE TO...

Put a plan in place to make sure staff have the knowledge & skills to assess identity well (including gender identity) so that this can be properly considered when we care plan.

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Start the LGBTQ+ Youth Group.

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Try not to let my preconceptions colour my interactions.

Push the importance for all of our partners eg, schools, to be more aware of the world through a child in care's eyes; and for our social workers to always be creative and passionate.

Every young person is an individual and should be treated as such. we need to understand their needs before we find a solution for them.

Always listen and communicate-it is so important.

Bring Care leavers to the attention of partner agencies to see what they can contribute to support them e.g. free leisure activities.

Make sure that we listen and hear what life is like for children and young people.

Ensure children and young people ALWAYS feel their voice is heard.

Ensure Staff and Corporate Parents have necessary skills to make children have confidence in the system.

Be in regular contact with children in care in collaboration with Social Services.

Listen and not been judgemental.

Talk to YP as you would anyone else.

Listen to children and YP on a regular basis and offer them the quality time.

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Be careful when writing reports about YP as this follows them for the rest of there life and can effect them in future jobs with Middlesbrough council or it can make them feel like they aren't good enough

To see the whole of the young person.

When we report on performance and audit we ensure we add in analysis on the impact of the individual child and we are clear how our action to improve will impact on each child.

Always need to understand who is important in each young person's life and how we can support each young person to maintain a safe relationship with everybody (including pets!)

Make sure to double check your understanding of what a young person is saying with them.