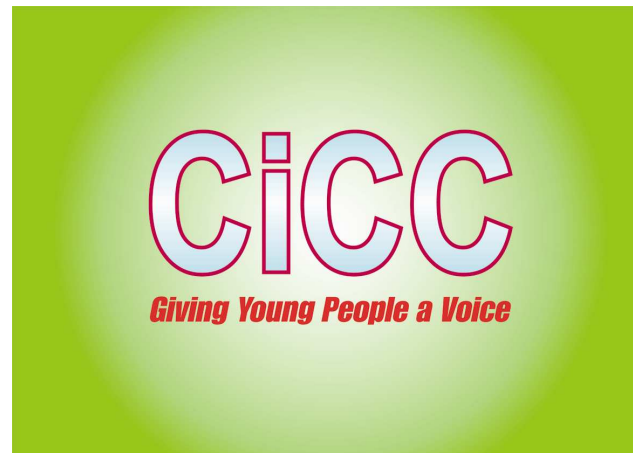
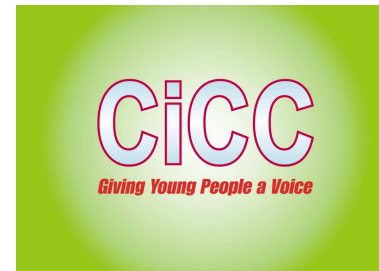


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The CiCC

- Following the Awards Evening more young people showed an interest in joining the CiCC, Due to this increase the meetings have been split into age ranges. This enables more young people to have a say on the services they receive.
- There are now 4 different CiCC groups:-
 1. Over 18 years.
 2. 16 – 18 year olds.
 3. 12 – 16 year olds.
 4. 8 -12 years.
- Meetings for groups 1 & 2 will take place monthly and groups 3 & 4 will take place during the school holidays.

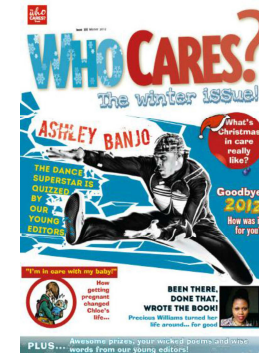
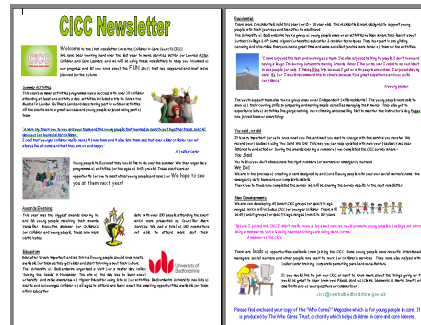


The CiCC

- We have attended the National CiCC event which was organised by 'A National Voice' where CiCC's from all over the country came together to share ideas.
- Members of the CiCC attended the Eastern Region Corporate Parenting Event. We were asked to give our views on the regional welfare reforms and raising the participation age.

The CiCC

- We have sent our first newsletter out to all looked after children along with the Who Cares? Magazine which we have subscribed to.



- The Who Cares Magazines will be organising a workshop for our young people in the February half term. Two members of the CiCC will also be attending a Young Editors Workshop where young people help to improve the magazine.
- During the Fostering inspection a member of the CiCC attended a focus group with younger children in care. During the session we created houses which represented what was good about 'our foster home'. We will work with foster carers during their training to create houses to represent their foster home.

The CiCC Conference

- We would like to organise an annual CiCC conference for members of Corporate Parenting Panel.
- The conference will allow you to meet with all of the different CiCC groups, especially those members who are not available to attend the Corporate Parenting Panel.
- This will also be our opportunity to show you the achievements and work of each of The CiCC Groups.
- The conference could also be open to Senior Managers from Central Bedfordshire Council.

Participation

- There have been a number of activity based participation days organised - Young people attended a Pony Day organised by the British Horse Society, young people spent the day grooming and caring for the ponies and then spent time learning to ride. There was also an activity day at the University of Bedfordshire.
- A trip to London was organised for members of the CiCC as a thank you for all of our hard work over the last year.
- A Festive Meal took place in December, 18 young people attended and it is hoped that from this there will be new members recruited to the CiCC.

Participation

- 8 children who were between the ages of 8 and 13 attended a day at the Luton Campus to find out more about going to University. The day was very successful and enjoyed by all. We are hoping to arrange some more days to raise the aspirations of all our looked after children.
- Following the 'Reach your Goal' residential last year shadowing opportunities have been offered to young people. One member spent a day with a student studying Journalism.
- The University will be arranging another residential for young people in Years 10 & 11 which will take place during the Easter Holidays.



Awards Evening 2012

- The Achievement Awards took place on Friday 28th September at Priory House, Chicksands.
- There were around 180 nominations for looked after children and care leavers, with 88 young people attending the actual event. Over 200 people attended the Awards evening, giving us the highest turn out yet!



Awards Evening 2012

- Young people who attended the event were entertained by one of our care leavers, who performed on the night, there was also a DJ, a circus skills entertainer, magician and a paper plane making competition organised by a social worker from the team.
- Karen Murray, Personal Adviser said 'my young person's acoustic performance was brilliant and she was an amazing credit as a role model to other looked after children of what can be achieved.'
- Young people were also asked to write and display what they are most proud of on the achievement wall. One young person wrote 'I am most proud of achieving a special award and standing up in front of all those people and not getting red and rosy cheeks.'

Awards 2012

This slide will contain Photos from the awards evening.

Awards 2013

We as members of the CiCC would like your input of the following -

- Due to the number of attendees at this years Awards Evening we will need to consider the way in which the awards are organised.
- Members of the CiCC have discussed using a different venue for the event.
- Splitting the age range for the evening and having two different events.
- Dates for the awards evening in 2013 need to be agreed. Currently the chambers are available Friday 3rd October or Friday 15th November.

Any Questions?