

Appendix A



Children in Care Council and Participation 2013

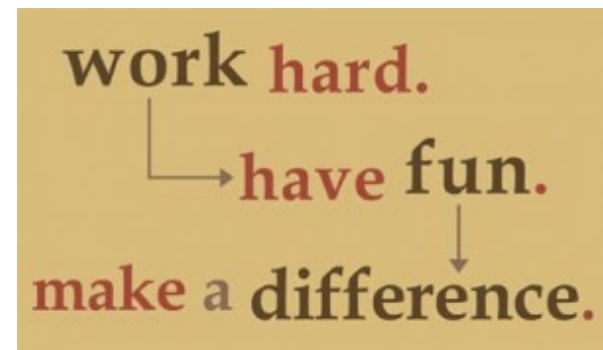
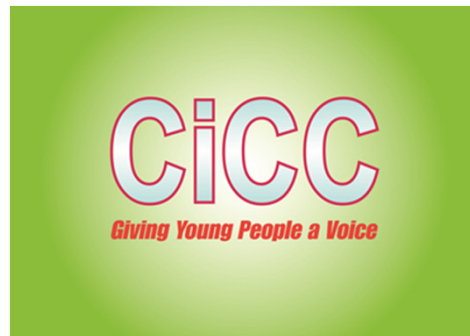
Annual Review
Corporate Parenting Panel
24th March 2014

How we have made a difference in 2013

We are representatives from the Children in Care Council and we meet on a regular basis to talk about issues that affect us and the care we receive.

The CiCC have worked very hard to make improvements for ourselves and other looked after children and care leavers.

We are here today to show you some examples of how we made a difference in 2013.



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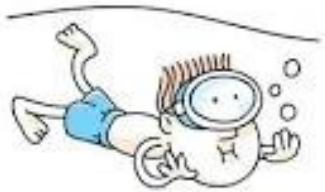
Increased CiCC representation.

We write our own newsletter called “Say it Loud” which we send out 4 times a year to all looked after children aged 8+ .

The CiCC peer mentor our ‘Young voices’ groups during the school holidays and during fun activities we talk to 8 – 16 year olds

We continue to have good links with our corporate parents and meet with members on a frequent basis to talk about our work plans and future planning.

We have had the chance to talk about improvements for young people last year and we were able to get free swimming passes to all CBC leisure centres for looked after children and foster families and a free football coaching programme for care leavers.



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Central Bedfordshire signed up to the Department for Education Charter for Care Leavers.

We also attended the house of commons and spoke to Edward Timpson about entitlements.

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We also delivered training to a total number of 33 foster carers from January to December 2013.



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The awards night was organised and arranged by members of the CiCC, we took care of things such as decorations, entertainment, refreshments and designing the invitations and certificate.

As a members of the CiCC peer support is vital for the younger members of looked after young people and with out the activity based participation we arranged things such as sowing seeds for the 8-12 year olds it's a workshop designed to promote going to university.

We also arranged residential trips for the older members of looked after and care leavers this is to enable them to improve their independent living skills ready for them to live independently.



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We arranged a winter wonderland themed Christmas party which was attended by 28 young people.

We have attended 2 charity events have raised a substantial amount of money for 2 charities Keech Cottage and Comic Relief.

We had a bake sale and raised £80 pound for Comic Relief and members of the children in care council made Christmas cards which were sold to staff and we raised £375 for Keech Cottage.



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Conclusion

We will continue to improve work we do as members of the children in care council and continue to promote our work through the 'say it loud' newsletter national and regional events.

We have built up a strong relationship with our corporate parents and would like to invite them to other CiCC events and fun days which will give them the opportunity to meet other looked after young people.

We will be continuing to discuss new ways to promote the work of the children in care council and will encourage more young people to join the CiCC.

We can see what a difference we have made to the life's of looked after young people and the encouragement they have been given from all members of the CiCC and will continue to support them in order to improve the service for looked after young people in 2014.

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We have 5 main key points that we will be working on this year and they are the following:

1. The cicc to continue achieving our priorities.
2. To increase the involvement of children with disabilities.
3. To encourage the looked after children and care leavers to participate more in activities and opportunities given.
4. We need to encourage the out of county young people to get involved and we should support them in doing so.
5. We need to carry on developing relationships with all members of the corporate parenting panel.

We hope you enjoyed the presentation we have put together if you have any question don't hesitate to ask.

Thanks from members of CiCC.

