



Children in Care Council



The CiCC & Young Voices

- We currently have around 24 young people involved in the CiCC and participation activities. We are a mixed age range from 16 – 22.
- The Young Voices group is for 8 – 15 year olds. We have around 29 young people who are involved in this group. Young Voices are involved in activity based participation as well as consultation based participation.

CiCC

| | 16-18 | 18-21 | 21+ |
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| Male | 4 | 10 | 1 |
| Female | 1 | 4 | 4 |

Young Voices

| | 8-12 | 13-15 |
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| Male | 13 | 3 |
| Female | 11 | 2 |



CiCC Achievements

- **Awards** - this was the biggest event to date with 108 young people receiving their award on the night and over 200 young people being nominated.



- **Recruitment Involvement** – We have been involved with the recruitment of a number of permanent staff including managers and social workers.

CiCC Achievements

- **Working with the Commissioning Service** – We have been part of the tendering process for the Independent Visitors and Advocates and the supported housing providers.
- **Children's Commissioner** – Rebeka and Amy have been attending meetings with the Children's Commissioner's Participation Group and worked on the My Care Survey.
- **Summer activities** – There were activity days organised in the summer holidays where 36 young people attended at least one day, these included horse riding, a trip to the cinema and a trip to Gulliver's. The activities are very popular and members of the CiCC attend to act as peer mentors and take part in informal consultations.



CiCC Achievements

- **Peer Mentoring** – Members of the CiCC have continued to act as peer mentors with the young voices group, this has included a meeting with Richard Carr and Gerard Jones about what young voices feel about certain aspects of their life, what they like and what they feel needs improving such as better facilities for visiting families in centres and not having lots of different social workers. We also had a brilliant game of Jenga to get to know everyone.
- **Shadowing the Chief Executive** – I (Charlotte) was invited to shadow Richard Carr during his Management Group meeting, this was a really good opportunity which gave me an idea of what the council does.
- **The Frontline Programme** – We were part of the training of over 120 social work students on the Frontline Programme.
- **Consultations** – This has included consultations on the Passport to Independence, the awards, summer activities and the corporate parenting strategy.

CiCC Achievements

- **Training days for ASYE** – We have developed a training day for ASYEs which we deliver. This looks at what participation is and why it is important, it also looks at the way in which workers communicate. We help them to develop a social workers tool box to show why they wanted to become a social worker and inside are the tools they need to be a good social worker.
- **Consultation booklets** – We have worked with the Conference and Review Service to renew the consultation booklets for children who are looked after. Younger looked after children told us that they preferred to have space to draw and to have tick boxes for some of the questions. We have brought you some booklets for you to see.



CiCC Achievements

- **Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Consultation Group**
 - My Name is Dejen and I am part of a new group representing unaccompanied asylum seeking children, we started meeting in November and now meet every 6 weeks. 10 young people attend the meeting with our interpreters a manager and other workers.
- **The Group Discussions** – we talk about any problem we may have and workers explain how they can help, this could be about support with education, joining the gym, attending church in London, or about learning independence skills.
- **We said, you did –**
 - ✓ We asked for bikes and were supported to pass a cycling proficiency tests.
 - ✓ We asked to be supported to access leisure activities and we have had football coaching.
 - ✓ We requested support for education and Lucy Wanji talked to us about improving our grades, a teacher is now helping new learners with English.
 - ✓ We wanted to develop our independence skills and some of us are going to start a programme.
 - ✓ We enjoy attending the meetings and think they are helpful.

Future Plans

- **CiCC Meetings** – we are planning monthly meetings and planning ways so more CiCC members can attend, including young people representing the Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers.
- **Meetings with Senior Managers**– regular meetings with Richard Carr, Sue Harrison, Gerard Jones, Edward Wong and Team Managers.
- **Pledge** - We would like to work with members of the Corporate Parenting Panel to update The Pledge.
- **Consultation** – Consultation topics will be agreed with service areas and the CiCC, a consultation day is being arranged with the IROs and Young Voices group on the LAC review process.
- **Newsletter** – the newsletter is being written by members of the CiCC and is sent to all looked after children, we now include Sue Harrison's Blog

CICC Future Plans

- **Leaving care packs** – The leaving care packs are a priority this year, so young people leaving care are provided with a friendly informative way of knowing what they are entitled to at what age and also ways to contact people such as housing and other services that could help us.
- **Website** – We are working on the Website and think this will be a way to develop our consultation with young people placed out of the local authority.
- **Consultation with young people in residential units placed out of the local authority** – Working with the commissioning service to develop information booklets and ways of consultation.

Thank you for listening.

Any Questions?