

NATIONAL LEAVING CARE BENCHMARKING FORUM: MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Working together to share good practice and improve services and support for care experienced young people

EVENTS

- Attendance at 6 days specialist peer learning and development events for managers
- Attendance at 3 days themed learning and development away days for practitioners
- Annual PA Event and 'PA of the Year' awards,
- Advice and support from leaving care policy and practice experts
- Participation Network' & 'Employment, Education, Training Network'

YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICES SHAPING OUR PRIORITIES

- Care experienced young people can join the Young People's Benchmarking Forum (YPBMF) - attend events, share ideas and have a voice in the national context
- Care X Apprentice Network
- Steering group of leaving care managers & YPBMF Rep shape direction of forum and content of events
- Annual Care Leavers week event

RESOURCES

- Resources developed by the forum, Eg. Local Offer Toolkit
- Regular policy and practice updates
- Members website with leaving care resources, research and online peer enquiry service
- Access to specialist training and consultancy services
- Practice Lead 1-1 support sessions for team managers
- Access to video and audio recordings of NLCBF events
- Celebrating diversity & applying anti-discriminatory principles

NETWORKING & INFLUENCE

- Campaigning & influencing with care experienced young people around key areas
- Regular consultations with DfE, DWP, Ofsted and opportunities to influence developments at a national level
- Close working relationship with HMPPS & leaving care organisations
- Networking & peer support with professionals working in leaving care

QUOTES:

"Its always great to have space to think about our practice and how to push it on. I always leave feel inspired with new ideas to try out"

Leaving Care Manager, Manager's Event July 2022

"Really fab to get feedback from young people about the role of the PA - Reinforced the passion & commitment PA's have."

Personal Adviser, PA Event, December 2021

"We do ice breakers, quizzes, positive tree, competitions, art and lots of interactive ways to express talent and to raise our voices"

Care experienced young person

"I hope that local authorities will use the National Leaving Care Benchmarking Local Offer Toolkit as a way of benchmarking themselves against what other local authorities are offering."

Mark Riddell, National Implementation Adviser for Care Leavers, 2nd Report

"Being part of NLCBF over a period of time has allowed us to massively improve the services we offer to care leavers. The opportunity to hear best practice from around the country from managers, practitioners and most importantly young people has inspired us to think creatively and work in different ways. The improvements in Coventry have been recognised by partners, Ofsted and our young people."

Matt Clayton, Strategic Lead, Looked After Children, Coventry

