THE CARED FOR COMMUNITY AND THE PLEDGE





The Team - Eric, Sophie and Jenny with Emily helping in the background

- As we know all Local Authorities have a Statutory duty to gather the voices of young people in care or for those who have left care
- This is often done through a Children in Care Council model
- Local Authorities are often referred to as the Corporate Parents of children and young people in care and those who have left care
- "The critical questions that LA's should ask when adopting such an approach is... is this good enough for my child?" *

The Community and Children in Care Council

The Corporate Parenting Principles *

- To act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and wellbeing, of those children and young people
- To encourage those children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings
- To take into account the views, wishes and feelings of those children and young people

The Corporate Parenting Principles Cont'd

- To help those children and young people gain access to and make best use of, Services provided by the local authority and it's relevant partners
- To promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for those children and young people
- For those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work; and
- To prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living. * Applying Corporate Parenting Principles Feb 2018

The Children in Care Council are part of the Cared for Community. They represent young people in care and those leaving care and work with the Corporate Parenting Board.

The Pledge from Torbay Council and Partners is saying as Corporate Parents this is our Promise to you.

The Pledge has 2 parts - what the young people say they would like and what the LA and Partners will do to ensure they meet these.

The Pledge applies to everyone supporting young people in care and those who have left care.

- The Cared for Community enables young people aged 8 to 18 years to take part regularly, occasionally or virtually
- Each young person has a team member they can go to for support and who checks in on them, this person also talks with the foster carer/s and Provider staff regularly
- The Community is the place where young people can feel part of something, but have the choice to be involved in any active decision making on their terms
- It allows young people to have their voice, but have fun alongside of this

Going back to The Community

- In February 2020 the Youth Service and the Young Carers Service came out of the LA into a Youth Trust – Commissioned by the Council
- Both Teams have led on delivering or co- delivering the Children in Care Council over the years and have found that young people are not keen on structured Council meetings.
- The Community Model came into affect following the Covid 19 restrictions and enables young people to be part of the Children in Care Council if they want to. We can also consult them when they are taking part in Community activities.
- There are currently 22 young people in the Community, with new members joining, despite the challenges of being often online

Why a Community Model?

Since March 2020

- The Community hosted a Slogan and Logo competition
- The Children in Care Council hosted the Consultation about the Pledge and a Virtual Visits Consultation for the Dfe
- The Community members learnt to paddle board and do archery, bushcraft and coasteering
- The Children in Care Council reviewed the Pledge and recorded 2 podcasts about it, including interviewing the Corporate Parenting Board (with Sound Communities)
- The Community recorded a Cared For Community FM broadcast piece (with Sound Communities)
- The Community recorded a Spooky Music piece at Lupton Orchard and created Winter and Christmas music ensembles (with Moor to Sea Music and South West Family Values)
- The Community started a 2 part Language that Cares project this half term as part of a Devon wide video and creating their own film (With Sound Communities and with a member of the CPB board present)
- Community members have taken part in 2 x 2 Roots to Rise Outdoor therapy days at Lupton Orchard this and last half term (With The Apricot Centre and South West Family Values)

Understanding who we are together

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Our New Names and Logos

Junior and Senior Clubs Virtual Space The Circle THE Are all monthly

Young People in Care Council



is starting in March for Young people 16+

CAREDFOR COMMUNITY

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Late Winter Programme 2021

The Cared for Community is open to all children and young people aged 8 to 18 years who are cared for by Torbay Council wherever you live

Why not come and have fun in person at our monthly Junior and Senior Clubs or through our Virtual Space?

The Circle is your chance to have your say and meet with decision makers



Please ask to see our *My Voice* programme if you are a care experienced adult up to 25 years and want to be part of making a

difference



Please get in touch.... Email us at admin@torbayyouthtrust.org.uk Telephone us on 07920806455 Torbay Youth Trust Facebook

New Programme



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Saturday 13th March

Club - Seniors and Juniors 2.30pm to 3.30pm Sports Competition/ Music quiz & Design Cared for Merch The YMCA Paignton/ On Zoom

Tuesday 16th March

Virtual Space 5pm to 6pm

Come along and get involved, this is your time so let's be creative! Join us for a catch up, quizzes, games, music & more! Zoom/Discord

Tuesday 23rd March

The Circle 5pm to 6pm Language Project The YMCA Paignton /On Zoom

Saturday 10th April

Club - Seniors and Juniors 2.30pm to 3.30pm Multi Sports & making Easter Nests The YMCA Paignton/ On Zoom

Tuesday 20th April

Virtual Space 5pm to 6pm Come along and get involved, this is your time so let's be creative! Join us for a catch up, quizzes, games, music & more! Zoom/Discord

Tuesday 27th April

The Circle 5pm to 6pm New Projects The YMCA Paignton/on Zoom

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Important information Just to keep you safe

Please ask for a consent form. All in person sessions are subject to change due to Covid 19 restrictions and we may need to do them online. Face coverings are needed for indoor and outdoor sessions unless you are exempt. Please read the H&S information that is provided including meeting points and times. There's lots to do and you are part of deciding what is on offer We will be in person or online depending on current advice. Come along when you like. The Pledge is the Promise to all cared for and care experienced children and young people up to the age of 25 years.

The Children in Care Council reviewed the previous Pledge based on the Consultation results from their peers, including the language.

Let's look at the proposed Pledge 2021 to 2022 in the next section