

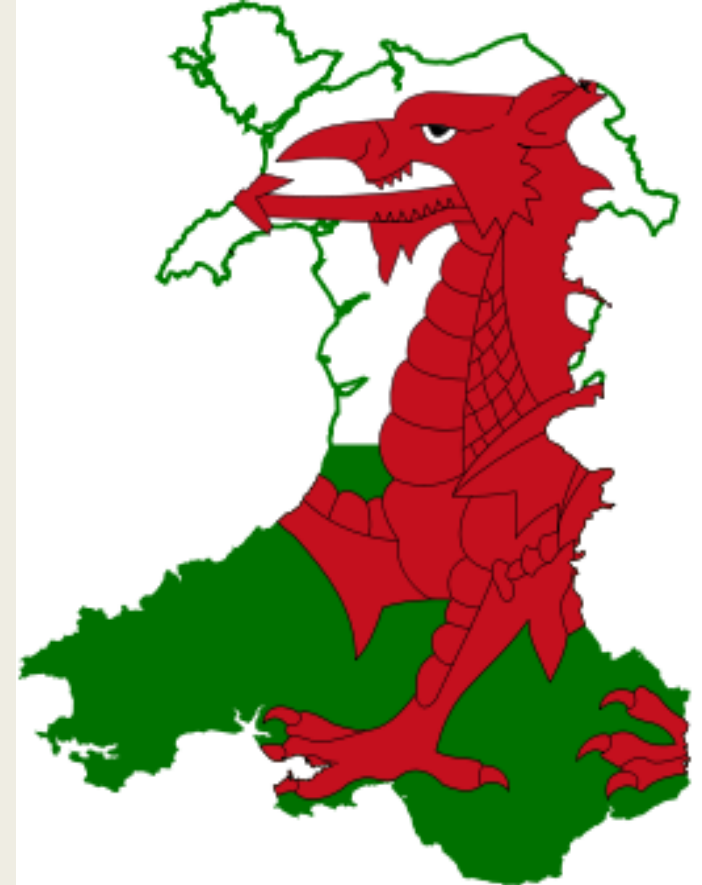
WELCOME



Voices From Care Cymru,
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Voices From Care

- We work with Care Experienced Young People from across Wales
 - Young People lead our organisation
 - We provide opportunities for young people to influence decisions about their lives and the care experienced community.
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- Based in Cardiff, Wales
 - Established in 1990
 - Staff team on 10.



The Care System in Wales,

- 5,955 Children in Care,
- 22 Local Authorities in Wales
- 6 Health Boards
- Social Care, Health and Education ‘devolved’, eg Laws & decisions made in Wales not UK Gov
- Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2016

- Team around child in care include;
 - *Social Worker*
 - *Foster Care or Residential Staff*
 - *IRO (Independent Reviewing Officer)*
 - *Advocate*
 - *Independent Visitor*
 - *CLA Nurse*
 - *CLA Education coordinator*

Top 3 topics;

- Contact with brothers and sisters.
- Stigma or the negative label of being in care.
- Support when Leaving Care

Contact with family.

- How it works?
- Why its Important?

Contact with Siblings.

My Frustration:

- Loss of sibling bond
- Not really knowing my brothers
- Why don't we use technology

Stigma of Being in Care

Public Perception & Media portrayal:

The cost of the most challenging looked after children dwarfs the money spent on even the highest security adult prisoners. It costs just over £80,000 a year to hold an inmate at the most expensive category A prison, HMP Whitemoor.

By comparison, getting into Eton College costs £26,000 a year for day pupils and £37,000 a year for boarders.

Research has shown that children who have witnessed or experienced abuse at a young age sometimes don't know that cruelty is wrong and will copy this behaviour. In some cases, children take out their feelings of powerlessness on innocent animals and this can cause their foster placement to break down...

Stigma of Being in Care

- Professionals lack of understanding of being care experienced
- Impact of Stigma of young people.
- Solution is to building Care Community

Leaving Care

- Emotional Wellbeing
- Importance of having consistent presence
- New Initiatives extending support until 25

Our Aspirations for the care system

“Want would I do if this were my child?”

”Aspirational”

“Inspirational”

“Nurturing”

“Holistic”

“Focus on Emotional Wellbeing”

“United Approach”

“Hopes and Dreams”

“Develops the person not a statistic”

Our Vision

‘We seek equality; fighting stigma, loneliness and discrimination by empowering the Care experienced Community to drive improved outcome for care experienced young people’

