



Newsletter

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Who are the Have a Voice Council?

The Have a Voice Council is the Children in Care Council for Leeds. We are a group of young people who are all looked after in Leeds.

Have a Voice helps to make sure looked after young people have their views heard about what needs to happen to improve the care system for everyone.

"Hi, I am Siqin and I'm 16. I joined HAV because this group gives children in care an opportunity to have a say. I enjoy spending time with the Have a Voice group, everyone is nice and they make you feel welcome"



"Hi I'm Kirah, I have been with the group for four years now. I find the group interesting and I learn new things, it's really fun. I've gained so much by being on the group, I'm more confident now and that helps in the rest of my life. And I've made some good friends."

Don't be shy! Come and join us!

We would love it if you wanted to get involved in Have a Voice. Our group is for any young person aged 12 to 17 who is looked after in Leeds. If you have an opinion about the care system, good or bad, we want to hear it! Turn over to see examples of what we get up to and how we use our voices to make change!

We meet every two weeks in the city centre. Every meeting has a relaxed atmosphere, snacks, bus vouchers and the staff are all friendly and supportive. Plus we get **£10 Love to Shop** voucher every month just for being involved! Bonus!

To join or find out more call Hannah 07712 214393
or Harnek 07891 270542 or email us: vic@leeds.gov.uk

Have a Voice Competition!

One of the things we are working on this year is trying to make education a better experience for all looked after young people. But to make sure we are working on the most important thing about education ***we really need your help!***

Text or email your answer to the following question and include your first name and date of birth. You will be added to a prize draw for a chance to win one of three £30 shopping vouchers!

If you could improve one thing about education or school for young people in care what would it be?

Send answers to Hannah on 07712 214393 or
Hannah.Jones2@leeds.gov.uk.

The winners will be decided on 29th Oct so get in touch quick!

So what have we been up to lately?

We've done loads since our last Newsletter! Some of our highlights are:

- Presented awards to young people at the STARS Awards. Sat on judging panels to decide the winners for STARS and the Foster Carer Awards too.
- Designed a brand new information tool, to help young people know what is happening and when with if they are moving placement. This info didn't exist before!



Meeting Joel Hanna the Head of Service for Looked After Children



Getting our Leeds Youth Voice Award from the Mayor!

- Met other young people from all over Yorkshire at the Regional Children in Care Council meetings, and voted for a regional top issue – Better Mental Health Support.
- Took over the Corporate Parenting Board and talked to them about our top issues that need to improve.
- Made a film about what makes a good Social Worker.
- We all got awarded a Leeds Youth Award at an event!
- We went bowling, to Laser Quest and for pizza!

You can also find out more about the Have a Voice Council and other Voice and Influence opportunities on this website www.breezeleeds.org/haveyoursay