

A NEWSLETTER FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE IN MEDWAY BROUGHT TO YOU
BY MEDWAY'S CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COUNCIL



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MCYPC

THE MCYPC, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL, HAS RECENTLY BEEN GIVEN A NEW NAME AND LOGO. WE ARE REALLY EXCITED TO BE LAUNCHING OUR NEW LOOK THIS OCTOBER!



hello



I'm John, the new Participation Apprentice! I am the current chair of the MCYPC and my aim is to represent YOU and over 400 other children across Medway. It is important that we stand together and work with Medway Council to improve support for us, and for when we leave care. For the duration of my apprenticeship I will do all I can to make sure you are all listened to, with the help of the YLF team and MCYPC. If you have any issues you would like to raise just let me know... I'm looking forward to meeting you and hearing from you all!

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COMING SOON



- NEW STIGMA FILM
- TAKE OVER DAYS
- NEXT MCYPC MEETING IN DEC 2018

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GOODBYE FROM KARLEIGH

Hi everyone! I just wanted to start off by saying what a great year this has been and as a council we have achieved so much! We have changed our name, designed new logos, started on a new stigma film and so much more. I believe that the future of the MCYPC is looking very bright and successful. I have now left my post as Participation Apprentice and will now leave you in the capable hands of John who I know will support and guide you. I look forward to hearing about the new adventures and things you will all get up to! I wish you all the best for the future



WHAT IS MOMO?

MOMO is an app that enables you to communicate with your Social Worker/PA/IRO etc. You can share good news, plan for meetings, express how you are feeling, or make a complaint if you are unhappy with something. The original MOMO app is for children, young people and their support workers. If you would like to know more please speak to your Social Worker/PA or Carer.



It is an absolutely amazing app. It is good to get your voice heard and point across to the people it needs to if there is a problem



MOMO
MIND OF MY OWN



WE'VE GOT TALENT

The MCYPC showcased their talents in their 'Talent Night 2018'. The group invited along YLF staff, Medway professionals, and their carers and families to the show. It was a fantastic opportunity for young people to express themselves through drama, a song or a dance. A great night ending with well deserved certificates handed out by Medway professionals, Ann Domeney and Ian Sutherland.

"It was a fantastic night. It was a night when the young people from the Medway Children and Young People Council shone" Ian Sutherland - Director of Children and Adult Services.
Read the full story at: ylf.org.uk/news/talent-night





SHANNON EXPLAINS THE NAME CHANGE

I have been in care for 9 years and from the age of 8 I have been a part of the Young Lives Foundation (YLF) and moved from a junior member to a senior member. During this time I have experienced so many new things such as go karting and residential trips to Wales. I even carried the Magna Carta at Rochester Cathedral worth millions of pounds - and I didn't even drop it!

The groups have allowed me to meet new people, grow more confident in everything I do and learn new skills. Whilst being a part of YLF, I have attended meetings with the MCYPC (Medway's Children and Young People Council) where we discuss many topics such as Stigma, our rights and improving life in care.

One of the things I am proudest of being involved in is how children in care are viewed, and challenging stigma and negative views. So we changed our old name, Children in Care Council, to Medway's Children and Young People Council (MCYPC) as people like me did not want to be labelled as children in care. I feel like this was a positive move and I hope it makes us all feel equal and the same as any other children in or out of the system.



WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHANGE?

Please like and follow our Facebook Page and take part in our latest POLL

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MCYPC VS MEDWAY FOOTBALL MATCH

There was a steady rise of competitiveness as both teams took to the pitch for the annual football match between MCYPC and Medway Council professionals.

After an exciting battle for the trophy, MCYPC won 13-11 on penalties!

With HUGE thanks to Strood Academy, Medway Council, Cllr Mackness, Andy Willetts, Stewart King (referee for the night) all supporters and to all who took part in the day whether playing or spectating. Well done team MCYPC!

Read more at: ylf.org.uk/news/mcyipc-football-match





CARE LEAVERS GRADUATION

It was a real privilege to be invited to Medway Council's Youth Awards, where we honoured 5 of our MCYPC care leavers on their graduation. Having journeyed with these 5 young adults from their earlier years we were so proud to see them graduate and celebrate all they have achieved and contributed. We had a thoroughly inspirational and enjoyable evening.

Thank you to Medway Council, Medway Youth and Medway Youth Council for such a great evening. Read more at: ylf.org.uk/news/care-leavers-graduation



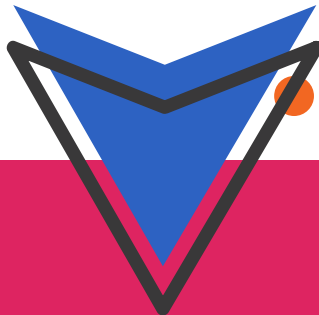
WANT TO JOIN OR SHARE A STORY?

If you want to be part of the MCYPC then drop us a line - it's a great experience and you can make a big difference. Don't forget you can also get in contact with us to share your stories... YOU could be featured in the next newsletter!

REMINDERS

- Care Leavers week is 24th-31st October
- Time 2 Shine will take place in Care Leavers week
- Next MCYPC meeting is 12th December

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