

A guide to the Children in Care Forum

This provides information to young people aged 11-16 who are in care and interested in becoming champions, by taking part in the Children in Care Forum and Children in Care Council to help improve the services being offered to children in care.

What is the Children in Care Forum?

This is a young people's led project, giving you a chance to chat about the issues that are important to you in an informal environment, so you feel safe and supported.

How will it work?

You will be working with Corporate Parenting who will listen to you, take your views seriously and provide feedback. Youth MK will give you the support you need to help develop and manage the forum.

You should be enthusiastic and committed to attending monthly forum and Children in Care Council meetings which are relaxed and fun.

As a member, you will have the opportunity to either take an active role in the running of the forum or just meet up once a month to find out what is going on until you feel ready to take a more active role.

What will you gain from it?

- You will have the opportunity to hear and influence directly from the professionals involved in your care, which is hugely impactful!
- Whilst helping others, you will be developing your skills, knowledge and self-confidence.
- You will have the opportunity to make friends and have fun.
- You will get a certificate for your involvement and may even get rewards for your participation.
- Most importantly, you will have a sense of self-satisfaction knowing that your work makes an impact.

Anyone who is in care can join the forum by completing the attached slip and sending it back to either their social workers or by sending a text on 07958087593. You can also email riffat.rehman@milton-keynes.gov.uk

For further information:

Anyone who is a care leaver in Milton Keynes can join the forum by completing the attached slip and sending it back to either their personal advisors or by sending a text message to 07958087593. You can also email riffat.rehman@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Children in Care forum joining Slip

Please fill in your details below:

I would like to join the Care Leavers Forum

Name:

Date of birth:

Contact number:

Name of personal advisor: