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NATIONAL LEAVING CARE
BENCHMARKING
FORUM



National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum

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Our Vision

To share best practice on a national scale, to enrich outcomes for our nation's care leavers.

So far, we have 129 local authority members!

(Out of 152 local authorities in England)



Local Offer Development Day, Sept '21

What does NLCBF do?

- Membership: Events, Website, networks, Support.
- National Influence
- Research



What do our events look like?



How do we do it?

YouTube links:

<https://youtu.be/bRMS2A7eC8M>
(What is NLCBF/YPBMF Champions)

<https://youtu.be/0ovIHwLky3w>
(NLCBF/YPBMF Celebration Event)

<https://youtu.be/eWgVqYzpkre>
(YPBMF Champions Interviews)



Events each year

3 x Managers Events

3 x Practitioner Event

1 x Personal Adviser Event
with PA of the Year awards

YPBMF Events – North and
South Event plus a central
Celebration Event in Leaving
Care Week



Celebration Event, Oct '21

About our events:

- Themed
- ALWAYS include voice of young people
- ALWAYS include local authorities sharing good practice
- Speakers from the Department for Education, other government departments & other organisations
- We use mentimeter, quizzes etc. to collect feedback on topics
- YPBMF events will include 'Best Poster' competition – to share what is working well.
- YPBMF Celebration Event has a 'Best Project' video competition



**Sharing good Practice Example:
Baby Box Project, Warwickshire**

- Developed by care experienced young parents
- A box of baby supplies for young parents
- Building a positive connection
- Has led to support groups, first aid courses
- Presented at our events
- Now in 10-15 other local authorities



National Influence: Examples of current work



Cost of Living report, with views of young people & professionals & recommendations. Shared with government & with good practice for local authorities to copy.



Event by YPBMF with key messages on 5 topics – Invited decision makers from local authorities & government



Mental Health – Talking with the NHS Improvement Team about provision for care experienced young people



Working with the Prison & Probation service to make sure care leavers in custody are well supported and to improve links between Prisons and Local Authorities



Celebration Event, Bristol Oct '21

Connections

Department for Education

[Department for Education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Ofsted

[Ofsted - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

DWP

[Department for Work and Pensions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

HMPPS

[Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Ministry of Justice

[Ministry of Justice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Care Leavers' Covenant

[Home - Care Leaver Covenant \(mycovenant.org.uk\)](https://mycovenant.org.uk)

Children in Care and Care Leavers Alliance

[Fostering Children](#) | [Become a Foster Carer](#) | [TACT Fostering \(tactcare.org.uk\)](https://tactcare.org.uk)

Research in Practice

[Supporting evidence-informed practice](#) | [Research in Practice](#)

Become

[Home Page - Become \(becomecharity.org.uk\)](https://becomecharity.org.uk)

Drive Forward Foundation

[Supporting Care Leavers Lives - Drive Forward Foundation](#)

Employment Education & Training Network

For Employability leads for Care Leavers, within Local Authorities.

Care x apprentice
network

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Sharing opportunities & good practice



NLCBF Participation Network

For Leaving Care Participation Workers & Leads



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Bi-monthly opportunity to share ideas and good practice

Contact Nat O'Brien - nat.obrien@catch-22.org.uk



CARE APPRENTICES NETWORK

**SIGN UP CARE EXPERIENCED APPRENTICES
USING THIS FORM**

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/RHYY6MFJ7D](https://forms.office.com/R/RHYY6MFJ7D)

A network of over 125 local authorities

promoting the development of quality leaving care services in member authorities and partner organisations through a process of benchmarking and shared learning on a national scale, to enrich



[Contact us](#)

Managers Event “Place and Purpose” service development resources now available

16 September 2022 | Accommodation, Corporate parenting, Education, training and employment, Health and wellbeing, National Policy Updates, NLCBF Updates

You can now view, listen and download resources from the “Place and Purpose” themed NLCBF Managers Event held in July 2022. The event was aimed at Leaving Care Managers and Team Leaders but you may find videos and other content...

[Read more](#)

FINAL Call: Practitioner Event

12 September 2022 |

Thanks to everyone who attended the Practitioner Event, places. This event

MANAGERS CARE EXPERIENCED/YPBMF NETWORKS AND SPECIALIST WORKERS PRACTITIONER

< September 2022 >

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15 Practitioner Event: Challenging Stigma and Accessibility	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28 Local Offer Development Day 28th September 2022 (20 places available)	29	30

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Enquiries

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Warm Spaces

8 September 2022 | Lisa Bradley (Blackpool) | Accommodation, Corporate parenting, Health and wellbeing

What are other LA doing in response to raising energy costs

This issue is important to me

1 vote

✓ 2 answers

+ Add answer

Qualifying and UC

1 September 2022 | Lisa Bradley (Blackpool) | Corporate parenting, Financial support

Hi, We are having an issues with the DWP at the moment

This issue is important to me

1 vote

✓ 0 answers

+ Add answer

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#careleaverscan #ypbmfROCKS #collaboration
#careleaversvoices #leavingcare #leavingwell



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Really pleased that as a follow up to our work on [#careleavers](#) & [#loneliness](#) earlier this year, we were able to get 2 members of [@Catch22](#) [@nlcbf](#) [@ypbmf](#) involved & contributing experiences to this animation which premiered [#leicestersquare](#) this week [#LonelinessAwarenessWeek](#) [twitter.com/DCMS/status/11...](#)

DCMS  @DCMS

Loneliness is a feeling, like others. It's time we started talking about it.

A team of 10 talented young animators have collaborated to produce this beautiful short film exploring themes of loneliness and its impact on young people. [#LetsTalkLoneliness](#) [#LonelinessAwarenessWeek](#) [pic.twitter.com/NZHxb9YPIA](#)

♥ 12 10:31 AM - Jun 27, 2019



 See YPBMF's other Tweets



How are we organised?

- 5 members of Core Team
- 8 Care Experienced Sessional Workers (including 2 Seniors)
- Steering Group – 10 Local authority Managers & a YPBMF Representative
- Stakeholder Group – 4 people outside of the Forum, but in Leaving care world
- Care Experienced Champions (volunteers)



Our Plans

- External Website
- Establish YPBMF Rep within the Steering Group
- New Strategy to include more influence at local authority leadership level
- Influence Care Review
- Support local authorities through upcoming changes

