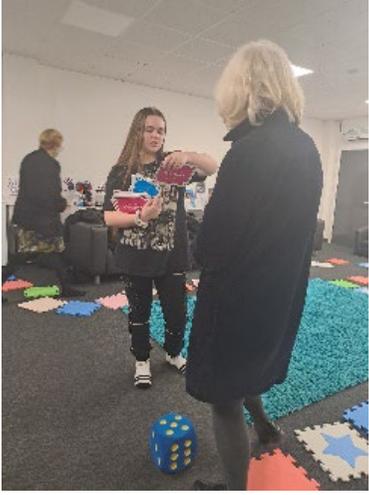




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SUBJECT:	Together for Children’s Change Council Report for Supportive Parenting Partnership Board (Corporate Parenting Board) 6th March 2023
PURPOSE:	To report on the activity of both Change Council 10-15 group and Change Council 16+ group (November 2022-December 2023)

Change Council have continued to meet regularly face to face throughout November-December 2023. Change Council are meeting in their designated space, both Change Council’s 10-15 and 16+ group are meeting fortnightly.

Activity	What’s Working Well?	What’s Not Working So Well?	What needs to happen?
<p>Film - planning around education Change Council 10-15yrs - short videos to be made, raising awareness and challenging the stigma in education.</p> <p>Change Council 16+ to feed in with suggestions on post 16 education and how this impacts them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have started to plan and create a storyboard to create short films to be used for training around how a young person may be feeling to make professionals more aware of what might be going on for a young person. We have been creating characters and discussing why cared for/care experienced people may be struggling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have been at a standstill until the students were appointed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions with students and group so that this can move forwards. Change Council 16+ to discuss how this can impact post 16 education and feedback to younger group.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunderland University has decided that this can be a part of their Changemaker scheme which funds two students to produce and animate the project for us. They will be funded for 100 hours of work. 		
<p>Training for Corporate Parents We have been working on a training workshop.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have completed our first workshop with Corporate Parents. We delivered our Change the Language training and Changeable game. • Corporate Parents said that it gave them an insight into some of the life experiences of care experienced young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not everyone was able to attend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will plan further dates so that everyone can have the training. • We will be delivering the Change the Language training to NHS England staff as part of a digital conference. 

Regionals- Meeting with other CiCC in the region. 10th January 2023

- 1 member attended. We discussed the local offers across the region and looked at how they vary across local authorities.
- Regional residential to take place in April.

- One of our regional representatives has stepped down and we need a replacement.
- The local offer varies widely across the region. Regional groups would like one local offer for the whole region so that care experienced young people have the same entitlements.

- This will be raised with the regional board.
- Replacement representative to be chosen for regionals.
- Regional residential April.
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- This was passed by the Council in January.
- We have supported with a press release with Cllr. Farthing and Cllr. Gibson.

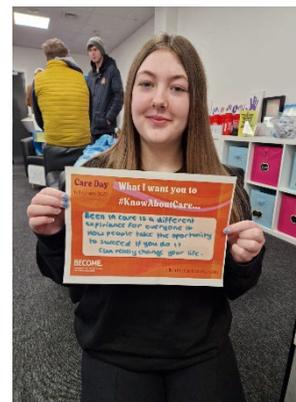
- We would like to be a part of supporting the Council with implementing this if possible.

- To meet with Council and talk about what we would like to see from this and how this will impact us.

<p>Safeguarding conference- Safeguarding in Education conference with Ronnie Lynn. We delivered our workshop to education staff.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 members took part in the Safeguarding education conference. • We delivered Change the language and Changeable game to education professionals from across the city. • We had some really positive feedback from this and professionals told us it had made them really think about the language used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were a lot of people in the workshops and not everyone got an opportunity to play the game. Smaller groups would have worked better for us but we understand that this was necessary for the programming of the day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to deliver this training and look at how we can push this further in schools.
<p>Care Day Care Day 2023 was on the 17th of February. We held a celebration on the 22nd February during half term so that people could attend.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was a really good day and everyone had fun. • Most members were able to attend and some past members came along which was nice. • Lots of TFC staff and the board of directors were able to attend and we felt appreciated. • It was nice to spend time with both groups as we enjoy spending time with each other and making those links. • We enjoyed just having time to spend with each other and just relax and chat as a group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not everyone was able to come. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to celebrate important events and plan events with both groups. • To continue to encourage new members to the group.



- We put this out to Children's Homes and permanence in the hope of attracting new members but we did not get any



new people.

Coming up:

- NatWest Workshops
- Residential for Children in Care Council - April 2023

Planned work for Jan – Dec 2023:

- Drive forward the Change the Language campaign, including working group and workshops.
- To set up a younger group aged 7-11 to capture younger voice.
- Corporate Parenting Introduction training and support the development of the corporate parenting strategy.
- Engage young people in enriching activities to celebrate their hard work and increase engagement.

- Consult and involve more cared for and care experienced children and young people. Alex to drop into Children's Homes and Support 2 Independence, also be around for warm spaces.
- To create easy guides to different aspects of being cared for/care experienced to support other young people with things we have been unsure of- Accessing records, entering care.