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SUBJECT:	Together for Children's Change Council Report for Corporate Parenting Board 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022
PURPOSE:	To report on the activity of both Change Council 10-15 group and Change Council 16+ group (Mar 2022 – May 2022)


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Change Council have continued to meet regularly face to face throughout March 2022 – May 2022. Change Council are meeting in their designated space, both Change Councils 10-15 and 16+ group are meeting fortnightly.

Activity	What's Working Well?	What's Not Working So Well?	What needs to happen?
<b>Social Work Week – Change the Language</b> We delivered our presentation around Change the Language via Teams during Social Work Week 	Workers across TfC saw and heard our presentation. We received great feedback from those that were there. We have put in a date to meet with the TfC change the language working group.	We have not got a plan of when we are delivering more workshops to continue sharing our campaign.	We need to plan and book in more dates to deliver this workshop to more professionals
<b>Director of Children's Social Care leaving</b> 	We all came together to wish Martin Birch all the best and thank him for supporting us. We created a quiz, played table football, ate pizza and give him a card and memory book from us all.		Continue what we are doing with the support from Majella.

	We have Majella as our new Director of Children's Social Care.		
<b>Change Council – Holiday Activity and Food Programme</b> 	<p>We had the opportunity to take part in two different activities as a group.</p> <p>The activities we did gave some of us the opportunity to take part in activities we have not done before.</p> <p>One session we were given ingredients and recipe cards and cooked our own meals</p> <p>another session we had healthy meals which we enjoyed.</p>	<p>As always not everyone could attend due to other commitments.</p> <p>Not many people enjoyed or wanted to try the free healthy desserts we got.</p>	<p>Continue to plan enriching activities and learn healthy cooking skills.</p>
<b>Regional Meeting</b> We attended a regional meeting hosted by Durham.	<p>We met in Durham with other young people from across the North East Region to give an update about what we are all doing.</p> <p>We discussed what each area feels the focus should be for the regional group, we agreed that things need to be joined up in the North East region and a focus on language.</p> <p>We discussed plans for a regional conference this year.</p>	<p>Everyone is very busy and it is difficult to meet as often as we would like.</p>	<p>Book dates in for future meetings to keep things moving.</p>

<b>Foster Care Fortnight</b> We put in a key application to celebrate Foster Care Fortnight.	We were successful in our application for £500 to celebrate Foster Care Fortnight.	We are very busy and only meet fortnightly so sometimes can be difficult to get through everything.	Next Year start planning earlier as we know roughly around the time Foster Care Fortnight will be.
<b>Children's Home Fortnight</b> We are going to panel with a key application to celebrate Children's home Fortnight.	All 5 TfC children's homes are taking part. We have a plan on how we will celebrate over the fortnight.	We are very busy and only meet fortnightly so sometimes can be difficult to get through everything.	This will be the first year we are doing this so hope that this will happen yearly and get bigger and better each year.
<b>Care to Dance</b> Change Council 10-15yrs are looking at raising some funding to work with Care to Dance as this is something a few of us are interested in	We have started working on ideas of how we can raise the funds so we can work with Care to Dance on a programme that they run. More young people may be interested and may want to take part and join Change Council	We need funding for the Care to Dance company to come and run the programme.	We need to finalise plans for our fundraising event.
<b>Mind of My Own Conference</b> Voxcon is being held on Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May, a couple of members of Change Council spoke on the video for the workshop.	We spoke about Mind of My Own, what we like about it and how we use it.	The conference went virtual rather than in person so we did not get to go to it.	Hopefully we can attend next year.
<b>Fostering Panel – Change the Language</b> We delivered our presentation around Change the Language at Bede Tower to professionals who are a part of Fostering Panels 	Professionals saw and heard our presentation. They asked questions and listened to what we were saying.	We have not got a plan of when we are delivering more workshops to continue sharing our campaign.	We need to plan and book in more dates to deliver this workshop to more professionals

<p><b>Family Time Team – Change the Language</b> We were invited into the Family Time Workers Team meeting at the Bramble Centre to deliver our Change the Language workshop</p> 	<p>The Family Time Team saw and heard our presentation. They asked questions and listened to what we were saying. Feedback was that they found it really helpful, thought it was great and was much better to hear it direct from young people and have those conversations.</p>	<p>We have not got a plan of when we are delivering more workshops to continue sharing our campaign.</p>	<p>We need to plan and book in more dates to deliver this workshop to more professionals</p>
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#### Planned work for Jan – Jun 2022:

- Drive forward the Change the Language campaign, including working group and workshops.
- Corporate Parenting Introduction training and support the development of the corporate parenting strategy.
- Children's Home's Fortnight – Key project
- Recruitment and Selection
- 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.