

## CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

25 April 2016

### CHANGE COUNCIL UPDATE



1. **Change Council revamp:** we are working with communications team and CREO to develop a new logo and identity for the change council. We have finalized the new logo and are now working with CREO on how to help market our group. Image above.
2. **Pledge:** Neil has now left so Saul has been matched with Catherine Witt on his pledge. We also have had a few new members who are attending change council now so they will be buddying up with other young people and pledge.
3. **£3 Challenge:** at our regional meeting we have agreed to take part in the £3 challenge. The challenge was circulated to senior officers and councillors. We have had about 8 recipes back and will be assessing and rating each meal before feeding back to managers. Recipes that pass the test will be put in a regional cook book for care leavers. We haven't had that much of a take up so we would like to extend the challenge until the end of May 2016.
4. **Conference for looked after children:** we are currently working with Catherine Witt around a conference for young people and their parent/carers. The date has been booked for 1<sup>st</sup> September and we have chosen to have it at Bede Tower, there will be lots of fun activities and workshops around the pledge and how Sunderland can be the best it can be.
5. **Recruitment:** We had four new members join change council in April. We still want more young people to join so we have sent a letter to all young people in care or leaving care who are 11+, we have also sent an email to all staff working with young people, residential homes and leaving care accommodation. An article will also be put in the foster carers newsletter and Louise from CREO will also help with this.
6. **DVD Filming:** Seven young people have been working with Kinetic Education to produce an interactive film about the leaving care accommodation. The aim

is to ensure young people have a clear idea of what accommodation is available to them when they leave care. I think you are going to get their opportunity to look at part of the film later on in the meeting.

7. **Campaign:** as a group we have decided we would like to look at challenging the stigma of children and young people in care. Saul and Kieran have recently recorded some snippets with Sun FM about what it is like to be a foster child. Hopefully you have heard some of the snippets.
8. **Fostering recruitment:** young people are now involved in the information evenings for Foster Care Recruitment. Jordan attended the initial evening but we are all keen to get more involved.