



CRT
Children's Rights Team

Service information leaflet

// Providing advice, information and support to
young people who are looked after by Kirklees //

Who we are:

We are an Independent Support Service for children and young people who are looked after by Kirklees Council. We can help make sure that your voice is heard and that you are able to have a say about decisions affecting your life. We offer advice and information about your rights and responsibilities.

It is your right to have an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously, whoever you are. Everyone who works with you should respect this right and we are here to make sure this happens.

Contact us:

Freephone: 0800 389 3312 *(free from landlines)*

Telephone: 01484 225288

Text number: 07938195322

Email: childrens.rights@kirklees.gov.uk

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Visit us:

Kirklees Children's Rights Team

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What we do:

Advocacy

“Advocacy is about helping and supporting you to get your views across. It is also about helping you to have a say in decisions that affect your life.”

What you can get involved in

We support children and young people to get involved in our groups. These groups are a chance for you to meet other young people living in similar situations and are a chance for you to make a difference to your life and the lives of other looked after young people.

Total Respect

This group is made up of young people who train adults that work with looked after children. They talk about their experiences of living in care and the importance of involving children and young people in decisions that affect their lives.

Foster Training

This is similar to Total Respect. These young people talk to adults who want to become foster carers and they share some of their experiences of living in foster care.

Interview Panels

When an adult is interviewed for a job working with looked after children in Kirklees, part of their interview will include meeting a panel of young people who will ask them questions. These young people will then have a say in whether or not they get the job.

Children in Care Council (CiCC) ages 12-15 Care Leavers Forum (CLF) ages 16-25

The above groups meet every alternate Monday. The CiCC discusses issues for children and young people in care and the CLF look at issues for those getting ready to leave care. Both groups work with senior managers to help them make things better.

Younger Children in Care Council (CiCC) ages 7-11

This group of young people meet four times a year to look at issues for younger children in care.

Independent Visitor Scheme

An Independent Visitor is a volunteer who will spend time getting to know you and regularly do things with you that you like to do. They are not paid to do this - they do it because they want to. Please speak to us if you would like an independent visitor or want to know more

Other

Often we do other things throughout the year that you can get involved in. We will post out information about these as and when they come around, so make sure you look out for it!!!

We are always looking for new young people to get involved in our groups so please contact us if you would like to know more!