

Presentation by Amber, Ian and CICC/ CPP representatives

‘Positivity Matters’

- A member of CICC suggested the idea to CPP members over the summer to connect with a national campaign called Change the Label ran by Coram Voices. <https://coramvoice.org.uk/get-involved/>
- The virtual campaign was about challenging the stigma and negative stereotypes that people hold about children in care and care leavers.
- CICC members think this is really important but should be done locally to have better benefits.



For example.....

Dedication Pays the Way

Let's start with what I do first. I work part time at best kabab one in bishop Auckland. I work six days a week. I enjoy It there. I prepare everything fresh as I go into work. We all have fun. I go to college three days a week. We all have something we want to achieve in life. Don't let your past stop you from doing that. I never thought I would be going to college at all but I am. We all need to be proud of the little things that happen in life. Even if we don't think they are totally amazing just be proud of yourself. I love my job. I always try my best to do the best I can do.

Katy... Age:17



Why is this important?

Children in care are sometimes portrayed in a bad light whether it be in the media or just general judgement from the public. This stigma needs to change. As you can see above Katy is just 17 years of age, going to college, with her first job too! And there are many more like her across County Durham. However, most children in care only have their positive stories shared to their social worker/YPA. There should be more circulation of this.





What do we need to do?

liC role:

1. Working with the CPP and social workers and others to circulate these positive stories.
2. CICC to come up with ideas of how they want this to be done.

CPP role:

1. Review positive story approaches by DCC - like Katy's at CPP every six months.
2. Circulating them on a 6 monthly bases - maybe more often?
3. Review and recognise young peoples achievements, (give ideas)
4. Read, circulate and promote the CICC newsletter - there has been some amazing stories promoting young people positively.

Just acknowledge their achievements more ! 😊

How does this benefit the Council and their work?

Fostering recruitment teams may be interested in getting involved in this in terms of media campaigns etc. to help spread the view that children in care are no different from any other child. They can succeed the same. Young people in children homes do amazing things like Katy - more recognition and acknowledgment is needed for young people in homes.

How does it benefit young people and children in care?

Boosting their confidence to succeed - by hearing all these positive stories it may inspire more young people who may either want to go on the same path or who believe they are struggling at the moment, but would perhaps find more confidence from this.

Any questions?

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