



## Presentation by Mitchell (CICC/ CPP representative) and Robert (Investing in Children)

### Covid-19 'A Challenge and opportunities'

This presentation focuses on the activities of Durham's CICC during March 2020 until February 2021, giving an overview of the involvement and contributions made by some amazing young people and that of Durham County Council. Achieved mostly through virtual meetings!

- 18 CICC meetings.
- 4 CICC newsletter planning meetings.
- 4 CICC newsletters produced.
- 8 CICC members involved in the Summer Pack Project 2020  
3k secured to implement a feel good project during the Covid-19 pandemic



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- 2k secured to work with the Full Circle team to enhance therapy spaces, input & design by CICC members.
- 2 social work sessions with two universities. 44 student social workers participated and the sessions promoted the importance of language and relationships.
- 1 Youth and Community Studies Session -16 students
- 20 future foster carers involved in CICC training.
- 3 IRO sub groups and team day presentation.
- 1 Designated teacher session 50 teachers.



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- 3 CICC website development meetings.
- 1 social work academy session – co-produced poetry class.
- Poetry developed -tweeted by Children Commissioner for England
- 1 meeting with Durham Youth Council, looking to connect CICC reps onto the Youth Council in 2021.
- 20 future foster carers involved in CICC training.
- 7 CPP mini virtual meetings
- 3 CPP virtual board meetings. Two new CICC /CPP reps

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## Some of the Topics and Impact

- Friends/Friendship Matter – seeing friends was discussed as being so important and this is now part of care reviews.
- Animals, Care and the importance. Again, this was important to the young people and is aligned to relationship building ,connecting with animals and live story work that promotes this.
- Travel bursaries awareness – DCC connecting with HE colleges regarding different approaches to support students.
- App development and involvement- 'Mind of My Own'.
- Children friendly policing - Working with the Children Commissioner Team for England – aim to train with the police in County Durham-based on a report currently being produced by the Commissioner's team.
- "Positive Matters", challenging stigma campaign – launched at CPP meetings.



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## Covid-19 'A Challenge and opportunities' **Some of the Topics and Impact**

- Developing education focused policy with virtual head teacher-key messages developed.
- Connecting with Regional Care Council.
- New CICC website being developed, launched on Care Day 2021.
- Development of Podcast to promote support, practice and learning in 2021
- **40** different young people have connected with CICC during this period, aged 8 to 21, and who are cared for by DCC.
- We would like CPP members to read an article in the latest CICC newsletter, written by a young man from a DCC young people's home. The article is called Video Games, Good or Bad? – we think it's a brilliant article and makes you think. Well done. 'Positive Story'!