

Durham Children in Care Council update

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- Another future foster carer training session took place virtually, with 13 potential foster carers at the beginning of July.
- 6 young people from the CICC led the session, with further input from the newest members leading on activities. Further training took place on 16 September.
- The feedback was fantastic and can be viewed here:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/AnalysisPage.aspx?id=4SA3q8xD7Ua2O-FfRxp6XCzvDL4y9dZJkow1aK-3XfxUNE85WfVUS0ZSOTBHSTNBV0hIRVg5TzdaMC4u&AnalyzerToken=ToJLkYBxwKXLhpw7dQUP6cWbCSbCqdSt>



- Twelve CICC members met with Ofsted during a focused visit in July. They spoke about a range of projects to improve the lives of care experienced young people and other children and young people in County Durham. The feedback from Ofsted was really good!
- The fifth CICC newsletter has been produced.
- Feedback from Durham Constabulary regarding how they have responded to a CICC training session in May is positive . Young people from CICC will be meeting with police to review these changes in September.
- A research projects findings were launched, describing young people's experiences of CICC during Lockdown, which involved Durham CICC members expressing their views and identifying how the findings can be better shared.

- An accredited peer mentor course was offered to CICC members over the summer. 8 CICC members took up the offer and were supported over a full day by IIC staff to become mentors.
- This resulted in one peer mentor supporting a new CICC member to attend a recent summer CICC activity, acting as their mentor.
- The feedback from the young person and their social worker was fantastic.
- The social worker explained: ***'She found it brilliant and she wants to be part of it again, she said it was one of the best things she's done'***

- 14 CICC members enjoyed a summer activity to Planet Leisure, undertaking trampolining and bowling in two groups.



- CICC members are contributing to young people friendly information on care and health plans, that are important for children and young people to understand .
- Once finalised they will be added to Durham CICC website as additional information.

- Both myself and Lesley are attending university from September and over the next few months will be supporting some new CICC members to represent Durham's CICC at future CPP meetings from January 2022.
- Work continues with CICC members to apply to the Key Fund, which supports groups of young people to apply for funding to do something that positively impacts on others.
- We would also like to say a big well done to all the young people who received GCSE's results over the summer and to those going onto further education and University.
- Any questions ?