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**Durham Children in Care Council (CiCC) –April 22 Highlights**

- Art stops continues through the iC Art and Wellbeing Café.
- Two CiCC members are leading on the development of a family time room in Bishop Auckland and working with staff on this, whilst further developments are being made to develop family time approaches. The young people were also involved in interviews for Family Time workers.
- Durham CiCC hosted the North East Regional Care Council in April –one of the main themes discussed was for care leavers to have their rights to free council tax transferred between Local Authorities.
- A quarterly meeting took place with CiCC members and DCC’s CEO John Hewitt to discuss a range of issues including Foster Carer Training and support for young people impacted by Domestic Abuse.

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- One CiCC member has been invited to lunch to meet D25 (Durham 2025 City of Culture) judging panel, to ask questions and share ideas previously generated at CiCC planning meetings regarding the bid.
- Five CiCC members from the younger group have shared ideas about a strategy being developed by County Durham Partnership regarding growing up in County Durham. There will also be an invite to meet with board members at a later date to progress things further.
- CiCC older group reviewed the CPP annual report and provided feedback on the updates against the priorities set for 2021-22. Following on from this, both CiCC groups met to set themes and discussion points for the joint CiCC/ CPP meeting which took place on 20 May, where the next priority areas of focus for the CPP were identified.

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