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## Durham Children in Care Council (CiCC) – Summer Highlights 22

- CiCC 8<sup>th</sup> edition Newsletter has been produced – lots of articles written by many different young people.
- 14 young people attended an end of summer activity at Durham Infinity Air – (trampoline park)



- Six CiCC members met with IRO officers as a sub group to finalise the care plan journey.

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- Another Artstops initiative has taken place with several more care experienced young people connecting with it. 25 care experienced young people have now connected with it through liC art and wellbeing café - further approaches to expand all the approaches.

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*“It’s been amazing to watch Henley’s confidence grow whilst he has been attending the art cafe and we’re so proud of his artwork. Henley has found so many good mentors and they should really take credit for the way he has been able to open up and be himself. Henley has suffered so much at school being bullied and it’s good that there is a safe space he can go.”*

*“Henley is always saying he loves been part of the art cafe and everyone is friendly He thinks his artwork is awesome and wants to thank everyone for believing in him and helping to make it happen.”*



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- A older CiCC member acted as a care experienced advisor for Durham and Darlington Constabulary offering advice regarding building relationships with young people in children homes. This Included advice on CSE and going missing. Please see separate Learning Together Session report.
- The same young person is also be developing training material for the constabulary through an internal film with key messages.
- The education fun fund continues and more care experienced young people continue to apply. Below is a recent quote from a young person who bought a computer to develop their skills in computer coding as their chosen career.

***“I have been using the computer for coding and it has helped me a lot on how to create apps, e.g. games like pong and a clock app, using a programming language called python. It has been very useful on how to learn python and interpreting it. This has been very successful because I have been wanting to be a computer programmer for some time and this has helped me develop my understanding on how to become one and how hard/challenging it can be.”***

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