

# Presentation by Billie-Leigh and Luke CiCC CPP representatives and Robert Johnson ~ Investing in Children

## Durham Children in Care Council- Update April 23

- IIC Art & Wellbeing Café has secured additional funding after winning the High Sheriff award and this will continue to benefit several care experienced young people who are connected with it through CiCC.
- Another Artstops project is finalised and will be launched in June, 12 new CiCC members are being supported to connect with the project .
- An IIC volunteer is leading their own project called Thermal Aid 2023. Funding for packs was received, 20 of which are bespoke packages for care leavers aimed at reducing energy costs for them. The care leaver's service are supporting this project – 10 packs have been distributed so far.



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- CICC roadshows have been taking place out in the communities for younger children. The first one was held at Crazy Kingdom and children and carers were able to come together and share ideas and find out more about CICC. The development of the Freedom Card was a topic of conversation- further roadshows will be developed by the younger CICC group this year .
- Both CICC groups have shared ideas and opinions about the 'Care Packs' received by young people coming into Care, including what should be included and what is important.
- Both CICC groups agreed and developed themes for the joint meeting with CPP.

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- Both CICC groups continue to review Education Fun Fund applications .
- Applications are beginning to come in from Families First Teams, which the groups are reviewing and making the decisions regarding awarding funding.
- CICC members have been jointly involved in interviewing for the Strategic Manager for Countywide Specialist Services.
- The ask this month of CPP is to think through the themes discussed at the joint meeting with CICC members.

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