

# Durham Children in Care Council- Update July 23

## Billie-Leigh and Luke: CiCC / CPP representatives Robert Johnson: Investing in Children

- Three CiCC members were involved in the recruitment process for Social Work Trainee posts. Which involved interviewing more than 50 candidates across 4 days.
- One young person explained : ***“I cant believe I have done this, its such a big achievement”***.
- Four CiCC members, two of whom were new leading on a future foster carer training in June for 10 potential carers. They delivered the session at the start of the training for the first time. Some of feedback is stated below:

***‘Becoming a foster carer that these young people would have wanted and getting the opportunity to make a positive effect on somebody's life’.***

***‘Hearing their opinions on how I could be a good foster carer’.***

***‘The young people here, have achieved so much for other children in care’.***



- *CICC attended and supported the second Mockingbird fostering initiative, the lead foster carer for this, explained: “**The children absolutely loved making the mugs and canvases and they absolutely tailored to the wide variety of children's needs we have**” .*





- Both CICC groups have reviewed a survey that has gone out to all children and young people to complete as part of ongoing work with CICC and CPP.
- The survey focused on savings and life skills. Data from the survey will be shared with CPP on 7<sup>th</sup> July.
- 9 CICC members have been working alongside IIC and DCC to developed a film and presentations for the ADCS conference in Manchester.
- CICC younger group have discussed the Celebrate Me awards. Their ideas /involvement is being shared as part of planning.

