

SiCC & SLCC News

Somerset In-Care and Leaving Care Councils
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Opportunities for young people to participate

Somerset In Care and Leaving Care Councils (SiCC and SLCC)

Monthly meeting

Sunday 13th March 11am-3.30pm

Location: Rollercoaster, Bridgwater

Items we are looking at this month:

- ◆ Planning the Annual Achievement Awards event
- ◆ Working on developing the SiCC & SLCC action plan for 2022/23
- ◆ Graffiti Stencilling on Canvas
- ◆ Planning an animation film to promote Personal Education Plans

SiCC and SLCC Virtual on Zoom |
Wednesday 23rd February at
5.30pm – 6.30pm

Session theme: Should the Council support you to learn to drive?

Opportunities to interview new staff, mystery shopping and the commissioning of new services and reviewing current services:

If you would like to be trained to be an interviewer, mystery shopper or involved in commissioning new services then please contact Damien



What Difference have we made recently?

- ◆ Being involved in deciding who was successful in gaining the Homes for Children Strategic Partnership.
- ◆ Step up to Social Work and Route 1 Interviews and interviewing new staff.
- ◆ Writing the Pledge for the Corporate Parent Board
- ◆ Updating the SiCC & SLCC logo, recruitment leaflet and flyer.
- ◆ Creating the foreword for the Childrens and Young Peoples strategy
- ◆ Preparing for Ofsted
- ◆ Foster Care survey consultation with Commissioning: Research in Practice



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Developing the website, newsletter, podcasts, filming and animation

Please contact Damien Erangey if you are interested. Below you will find some examples of the current website as well as films and animations that you have helped to create:

- The current SiCC and SLCC website | www.somersetincarecouncils.org.uk
- Route One Advocacy Independent Advisor film | <https://youtu.be/XFuVGkweuc8>
- Route 1 Advocacy film | <https://youtu.be/TCc86OyBGTM>
- Children's Social Care Complaints Animation | <https://youtu.be/h6mnUlymjZg>

We are currently creating a short animation for children coming into care called 'Your Journey'. If you would like to get involved with narrating, learning how we make animation, storyboarding and scripting please let Damien know.

What our members say!!!

"It feels important to be able to make a difference for others and be part of something that will support and help young people"

"I like being able to spend time with others in care. It is the only opportunity I get to do that"

"I can use my creativity to make a difference and that helps with college and getting skills for future work"

"it's easy just to moan about stuff but getting involved means I can do more to change the things I don't like. Makes me feel more in control"



In the Spotlight: an in depth look:

Homes for Children: Commissioning a strategic partner.

The Council wanted to find an organisation who over the next 10 years would deliver children's homes, foster homes and therapeutic education for our young people who need it.

Members of SiCC and SLCC were involved by -

- Meeting potential bidders in sessions to give views and answer questions
- Creating 2 questions to be part of the formal scoring interview process
- Designing the scoring template for visits to bidder's children's homes
- Visiting Children's home of each bidder to chat with their young people and to ask a set of questions that were scored as part of the overall process.

Young people will also be involved with the steering group to decide on branding

A young person will also sit on the steering group to ensure your voices are heard

Why get involved?

Make a difference to the services you receive

Meet with others

Develop skills and experiences useful for employment

Use us as a 2nd reference on your CV



Other opportunities within the Participation and Engagement Team

Below are links to other ways in which you can get involved with the Participation and Engagement



Youth Forum

Contact: Fiona Phur
fzphur@somerset.gov.uk
07811 307699

Website: www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-communities/somerset-young-peoples-voice/

Young people across Somerset are encouraged to scrutinise Somerset's services through a youth-led forum, where topics affecting them are discussed, their views collected and their voices shared, this helps Somerset deliver safe services for young people and families.



Somerset Youth Parliament

Contact: Kate Darlington
kdarlington@somerset.gov.uk

Website: www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-communities/somerset-young-peoples-voice/

Somerset Youth Parliament works with decision makers, key community representatives and politicians to influence change, identify opportunities and better outcomes for children and young people across the county. Somerset Youth Parliament upholds the core values of democracy, fairness, respect and equality within everything it does.



The Unstoppables

Contact: Lauren Oliver
SENDparticipation@somerset.gov.uk

Website: www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/the-unstoppables/

A group for young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities aged between 13-25 who want to have their voice heard and help to make changes to services that affect them.

Participation Workers Network

Contact: Fiona Phur
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07811 307699

Website: www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-communities/somerset-young-peoples-voice/

A multi-agency group of Engagement and Participation Workers who work collaboratively to develop and deliver opportunities for young people and elevate the young person's voice.

For any further questions please contact Damien Erangey

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