

SCLU'S LETTER

Sheffield Care Leavers' Union are a group of care leavers from diverse backgrounds with a shared objective...giving care leavers a better future.

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Joe, Khalil & Taina from SCLU with Councillor Jackie Drayton and Joel Hanna from Corporate Parenting Board

Achievements

The group has not been set up for long but so far we have achieved some fantastic goals. We are proud to be the first care leavers' group in Sheffield to have a meeting with the top dogs who make decisions about us (called the Corporate Parenting Board). We've made opportunities to develop our experience, such as taking part in training workshops & speed interviews. Our members have attended national care leavers' events. We've elected the care leavers and children in care's representative to the Youth Cabinet.



Several members of the group have completed the Leading The Way leadership course run by the Brathay Trust.

◀ Here is Jake receiving his certificate from Carly Speechley, the director of the Children and Families Service. We have also designed our own logo. Check it out ▶

OUR AIMS

Give care leavers a voice and positively influence the care system.

Unite care leavers and create an environment in which we, as care leavers, have the opportunity to socialise with one another.

Build a better image of care leavers by helping people understand who we are, standing up for care leavers rights, increasing the opportunities for all care leavers and by acting as role models for all care leavers and children in care.



Nathan, Josh & Mamoush enjoying the Leading The Way project



Attention... A TEN TIONS!

As a group we came up with 10 expectations we expect from the Corporate Parenting Board. We are going to use these to influence the work and decisions of professionals.

- 1 Education
- 2 Communication
- 3 Dedication
- 4 Comprehension
- 5 Organisation
- 6 Anti-discrimination
- 7 Co-operation
- 8 Evaluation
- 9 Information
- 10 ACTION...



Darrien meeting with the Corporate Parenting Board

Have your say

As a group we have come up with 8 major issues and we want to find out which one is more important to you.

We have attached a form for you to rank them in an order from 1 to 8. Please fill it in and return it in the envelope provided (or text or email it). Everyone who sends one back will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 voucher!

Join the Union

- Gain new skills and increase your confidence
- Meet and talk to other care leavers and represent their views
- Build a positive image of care leavers in Sheffield
- Find out about opportunities to train and interview staff and students who work with children and young people
- Be involved in activities and opportunities to represent Sheffield's care leavers at a national level
- Let professionals that make decisions know what it's really like to be a care leaver
- The power to identify the issues facing care leavers and put solutions into action



Councillor Abtissam Mohamed from the Corporate Parenting Board meeting Khalil to talk about issues facing care leavers

Did you know? Your rights...

You can have a Personal Adviser until you are 25 years old. This will be a worker from the leaving care team. Their job is to check you are alright and help you get what you need!

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