

## **Children In Care Council Update - Corporate Parenting Committee meeting** **21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 13:00-15:00**

Since the Corporate Parenting Meeting in November, at the time of writing, the children in care council have met on two occasions.

### **1. CICC General Meetings**

Meetings follow a consistent format – after settling in and catching up, the young people nominate a chair, refer to the agenda and have relevant guests in attendance before moving onto dinner and the all important prize drawer.

In December, 6 young people attended and The Pledge Revisited at The Council House. The CICC were welcomed by Andy Smith and Councillor Bolton – and were joined by senior officers from DCC to feast on Fish n Chips before moving to The Jacobs Rivers Room to hear updates from each department regarding their Pledge promises. One young person was lucky enough to receive a hamper kindly donated by the Co-operative in Derby. The young people were comfortable and confident during the presentation – the evening featured their own DVD, made earlier in the year to promote the CICC – though they commented, much as they liked the Jacobs Rivers Room, they would like to return to the Council Chamber.



In January 2017, the CICC held their monthly meeting at Volunteering Matters. They welcomed Gemma Dexter for an update about the naming of the well being clinic. They then went onto consider Pledge No 7 *"We will support you to get the most from your education and encourage you to reach all your goals and achieve your potential"* and discussed an event at Connexion's **Training, Jobs and Learning Open Day**. The members attended the event – to see for themselves opportunities available and consider whether those opportunities are communicated to looked after children effectively. Upon their return they discussed the event and recorded their views:

### **Connexions – Training Jobs and learning Open Day**

**January 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Question	yes	no	not sure
Were you aware of the event before the meeting today?		5	
Have you seen this poster before today's meeting?		5	
Having now seen the poster, Do you know what the event is about?	2	1	2

Have you taken advice about apprenticeships?	2	3	
Did the event meet your expectations?	4		1
Did you find out anything that you didn't already know regarding opportunities for school leavers?	2	2	1
Were you inspired to achieve having been to the event?	3	1	1
Did anyone or anything help you plan how to achieve your goals?	3	2	
Were you comfortable asking questions?	3		2
Was the information accessible (i.e. was it easy to understand?)	3		2
Overall, do you think the event was useful to young people?	5		
Would you be interested in attending similar events?	2		3

### **Suggestions/comments from the CICC regarding the poster:**

- If I saw the poster, I wouldn't read it – it looks boring, I wouldn't think it was for me
- The poster should have included pictures to make it easier to understand.
- They should have made the poster more clear by putting the text in boxes
- There is too much information on the poster, it makes it difficult to read



### **Suggestions/comments from the CICC regarding the event**

- At Connexions, there wasn't enough space – if you wanted to speak privately you couldn't.
- Really it was for young people older than me.
- Some organisations were not very good talking about themselves.
- I hadn't heard about the event from my school or anyone
- with more space, more organisations could have introduced themselves properly
- Some people left before we arrived, they should commit to staying until the event has finished



- The information I got was really helpful.
- I got lots of pens!
- It was a good way to find out about apprenticeships,
- I didn't know there were so apprenticeships around; it was good finding out how much each one pays.
- I'm glad we went, I want to go to college now
- More people should know about this because I think it could help people get ideas
- I talked to someone about going to college when my course finishes, I didn't know what I would do next, I'm going to go and see them.

### **The Future:**

The CICC will meet on

- 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 General meeting with guests: Pervez Akhtar, Alison Birth and Heather Greenan and Lincoln O'Connor.
- February 2017 – date to be confirmed, Pride Park – finale to Take Over Day – please see additional information for details of the Take Over Day challenge.

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