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Richmond upon Thames
Children and Young People's Trust

Young People's Action Plan

The Children and Young People's Trust Board (CYPTB) is passionate about its engagement with children and young people in service delivery, and we also recognise the valuable role that young people play as representatives and advocates for other children and young people.

In this Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) we wanted the children and young people's forums, such as the Children in Care Council and the Youth Forum, to make a real contribution to the delivery of the CYPP and identify the actions that they would take forward themselves to help achieve the ambitions of the plan.

Young people's representative groups used the information from the young people's consultation to identify the big issues for children and young people in the borough. During residential events and away days groups identified the key actions they would take forward on behalf of other children and young people.

The resulting action plans are set out below, and will act as the main programme of work for young people. We will work with young people to review progress after a year, and set new commitments as needed.

We would like to thank all those young people who have worked so hard to put this action plan together – and for their commitment to making Richmond upon Thames a safe, healthy and enjoyable place to grow up.

Children in Care Council

- 1.1 **Represent and communicate** well with other looked-after children and care leavers
- 1.2 Create **high quality peer-mentoring** with the Council
- 1.3 Ensure the **future of the Children in Care Council**
- 1.4 Review the **entitlements** given to looked-after children and care leavers

Richmond Youth Forum and Youth Parliament MPs

- 2.1 **Promote positive images** of young people
- 2.2 Understand **homelessness issues** in the borough
- 2.3 Improve **access to young people's facilities** in the borough
- 2.4 Improve young people's **health and relationships**
- 2.5 Stop young people committing **crime** and support victims of crime
- 2.6 Improve the **capacity of the Youth Forum**

The Children in Care Council's commitment is to work to...

The benefits to other children and young people in Richmond upon Thames will be that...

We will monitor our progress on outcomes by measuring the...

1.1 Represent and communicate well with other looked-after children and care leavers

1.1.1 All looked-after children and care leavers will receive newsletters with information from the Children in Care Council

Newsletters, prepared by the Children in Care Council, distributed either personally or by post to all looked-after children and care leavers each year

1.1.2 Looked-after children and care leavers will be able to access information in a timely way

Information made available by the Children in Care Council using a web-based product

1.1.3 Children's views will be shared with the Director and Lead Member for Children's Services

Views from consultations shared through the Children in Care Council meetings

1.2 Create high quality peer-mentoring with the Council

1.2.1 Identified looked-after children and care leavers will receive training to become peer mentors

Identified peer mentors who have received high quality training

1.2.2 Identified looked-after children and care leavers will receive support from peer mentors

Identified children and young people supported by mentors

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We will monitor our progress on outcomes by measuring the...

1.3 Ensure the future of the Children in Care Council

1.3.1 Leaders will have been trained for the roles in the Children in Care Council

Children in Care Council leaders who are identified and trained

1.3.2 The Children in Care Council remains a good way of representing the views of looked-after children and care leavers

Evaluations of the effectiveness of the Children in Care Council

1.4 Review the entitlements given to looked-after children and care leavers

1.4.1 All looked-after children and care leavers are able to explain their in-depth needs to a member of the

Looked-after children and care leavers given the opportunity to feed in their views to the Children in Care Council

Views of looked-after children and care leavers expressed to the Council

Looked-after children and care leavers who attend a day event on entitlements

1.4.4 Members of the Children in Care Council build skills

Skills of Children in Care Council members through a training audit

The Richmond Youth Forum and Youth Parliament MPs' commitment is to work to...

2.1 Promote positive images of young people

The benefits to other children and young people in Richmond upon Thames will be that...

2.1.1 Children and young people in the borough are able to attend a celebration youth festival which breaks down barriers between young people

2.1.2 Children and young people are able to access a compilation CD with a range of music which brings different young people together

2.1.3 Children and young people have a positive image as a result of a marketing campaign

2.2 Understand homelessness issues in the borough

2.2.1 The Youth Forum and Youth Parliament effectively represent children and young people who are homeless and communicate with children and young people to avoid homelessness

We will monitor our progress on outcomes by measuring the...

Number of young people attending the festival

Impact the CD has on breaking down barriers between young people

Views adults have of young people

The Youth Forum's and the Youth Parliament's understanding of homelessness and recommendations in creating positive change

The Richmond Youth Forum and Youth Parliament MPs' commitment is to work to...

2.3 Improve access to young people's facilities in the borough

The benefits to other children and young people in Richmond upon Thames will be that...

2.3.1 Young people decide how positive activities money is spent

2.3.2 Young people are involved in planning and delivering youth services

2.4 Improve young people's health and relationships

2.4.1 There will be a better condom service for young people

2.4.2 Young people are trained to deliver peer education on sexual health

2.5 To help reduce the number of young people committing crime and support victims of crime

2.5.1 A football match between police and young people is organised to break down barriers between the two groups

2.5.2 Children and young are aware of what to do to report crime

We will monitor our progress on outcomes by measuring the...

Number of young people on the positive activities commissioning panel

Percentage of positive activities funding spent on activities decided by young people. Impact on improving facilities

Number of condom cards distribution to young people across the borough

Number of peer mentors who have received high quality training

Change in image of young people within the police and vice versa

Increase in numbers of young people who feel confident about reporting crime

The Richmond Youth Forum and Youth Parliament MPs' commitment is to work to...

2.6 Improve the capacity of the Youth Forum

The benefits to other children and young people in Richmond upon Thames will be that...

2.6.1 The youth representative groups (Youth Forum, Youth Parliament, Children in Care Council and School Council) are clear on how they work together

2.6.2 A representative group of young people sit on the Youth Forum

2.6.3 Children and young people are able to inform Youth Parliament MPs about local views, which are reported nationally

2.6.4 Children and young people are able to challenge Children's Services through a young people's scrutiny panel

2.6.5 Youth Forum members are trained to carry out their role effectively

2.6.6 Children and young people know what the Youth Forum and the Youth Parliament are through websites, blogs, Outskirts magazine and posters

We will monitor our progress on outcomes by measuring the...

How the action plans for each youth group join up

Different range of young people sitting on the Youth Forum

Number of regional meetings attended. Representation of local issues for children and young people at regional and national level

The extent of positive impact on improving children and young people services

Numbers of Youth Forum and Youth Parliament members who are trained in:

- negotiation
- action research
- recruitment
- equality and diversity

Numbers of young people that know about the Youth Forum and the Youth Parliament