

WHAT CYPC IS ABOUT

Our Children's Council has been developed with a group of children and young people who are in care aged 12 to 18 years old. We hold regular meetings to raise awareness of issues affecting young people in our care and encourage young people to have their say about things that affect them. We work together to influence positive improvements in our service to help enrich the lives of young people. We developed this council because we wanted every child to have a voice with, the best opportunities and experiences whilst living with our foster carers. We are also committed to making the experience a positive one for foster carers' own children as well.



### **WHO WE ARE**

- We are a group of young people aged 12 to 18 years, either in care or care leavers.
- We live, or have lived in foster care placements within UK Fostering.
- We have been elected to be the voice for every child and young person in the care of UK Fostering.
- We know what you go through and how you feel because we have been through the same process.
- We understand that every young person's past is a different one.
- We will listen to your story if you want to tell us and won't judge you on the things you share.
- We don't care where you have been, only where you are going, where you are today and how we can make your future a better one.



### **WHAT WE DO**

- We work as a team to help improve services for children and young people cared for by UK Fostering.
- We listen to the views of children and young people and help make their voices heard.
- We try and influence decisions made for our future.
- We aim to give you every opportunity to be able to live the life you want, making sure that it is as safe and risk free as possible.
- We ask services to think carefully about how they provide you with the skills you need to live independently and be able to face day to day challenges



## **EXPECTATIONS**

- We hope to give all young people involved a platform to bring their own ideas to the table.
- Work as a team to make important improvements to our service to all young people.
- We aim to make the experience a fun one.
- We would love to meet up face to face at least a couple of times per year.

# **CONTACT US**

You would like to speak with someone to learn more about CYPC and how you can join, you can get in touch with us first of all by sending an email to info@ukfostering.org.uk sharing your name, contact details & we will be in touch

