



Today Not Tomorrow

North Lanarkshire's Champions Board

Newsletter

Jan - March 25



We are a group of Care Experienced people who live in North Lanarkshire. We meet fortnightly to change the Care System within North Lanarkshire.

We remind Corporate Parents of their roles and responsibilities and therefore hold them to account to improve the Care System.....Today Not Tomorrow.

Participation Groups

TNT
Crafty Foxes

Participation Facilitator

Who Cares? Scotland



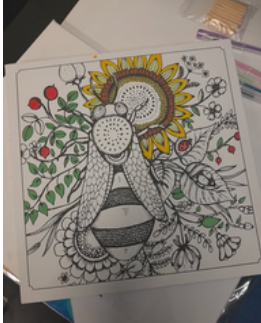
Champions Board

TNT
Corporate Parents

Steering Group

Corporate Parenting Group

January



After the holiday break we eased ourselves in gently with a catch up & crafts night

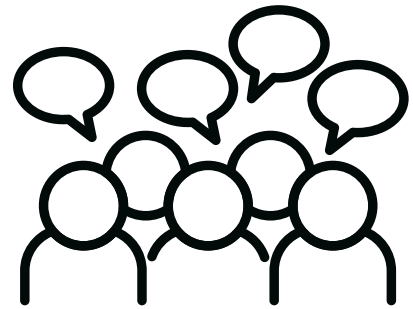
We then got to work! We were visited by Jordan from WC?S to give our views on the Scottish Government Consultation. This looked at 4 key areas:

'Moving On'

The Definition of Care Experience

The Future of Foster Care

The Redesign of the Children's Hearing System.



North Lanarkshire Champions Board



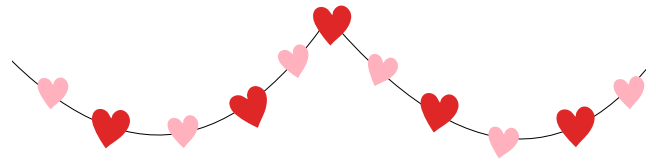
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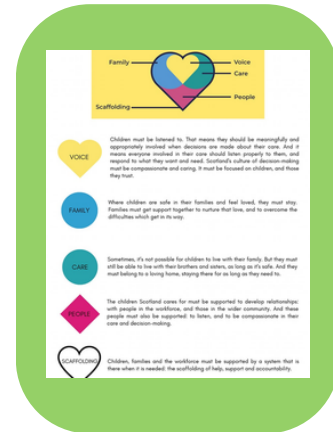
Our 2024 Annual report was published - have you read it yet?

FEBRUARY

was a very busy month



5th February was the 5th anniversary of the publication of The Promise. We shared a poster explaining more about The Promise and displayed it our participation rooms so young people can become more familiar with the ethos behind it.



The Promise Oversight Board released a report (no. 3) about the progress made. We looked at some of the key points and provided feedback on these to the Champions Board.

Afterwards we treated ourselves to some down time with Valentines activities

We held a full Champs Board meeting during February and had a robust agenda (and attendance!)



agenda

1. TNT update & thank you
2. Partner updates
3. Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children
4. Champs Video
5. Meet your Corporate Parent
6. Lifelong Group
7. Care Day
8. Promise Report
9. Monitoring of Outcomes
10. Signs of Safety

FEBRUARY

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For Care Day we had a celebration night together as a group and our Development Officer arranged cake and gifts



We also received gifts from the local authority



We all received recognition certificates for the length of time we have individually spent participating to make change in North Lanarkshire



FEBRUARY

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Our Development Officer also visited all 5 Children's houses to drop off individual and collective gifts from us, and the local authority.

We shared some Care Day social media posts highlighting the talents of young people from the Children's Houses and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children group.



FEBRUARY

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On 27th February some of us attended The Oversight Board Parliamentary Reception.

The event was an opportunity to hear more about The Oversight Board report and the progress Scotland is making towards keeping the promise by 2030 . We met with members of The Oversight Board and MSPs. We also heard speeches from:

George Adam MSP

Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise

David Anderson, Chair of The Oversight Board

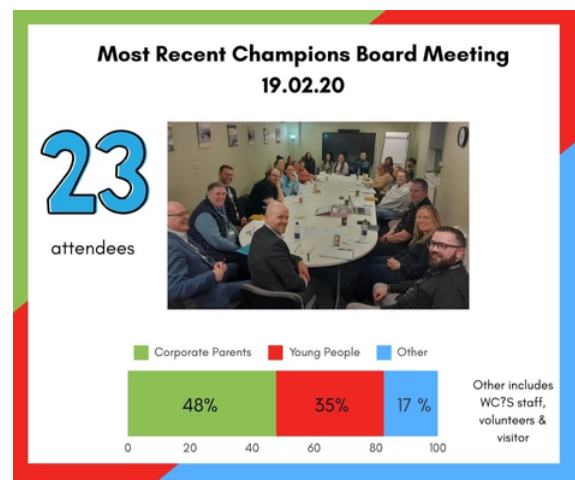
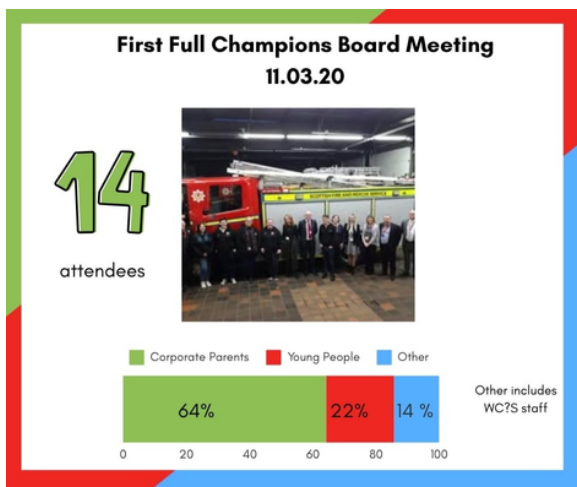


MARCH



was the 5yr anniversary of the FIRST EVER full Champions Board Meeting

We did some comparison posts on our social media channels:



As well as acknowledging all the top attendees

Corporate Parent Attendees



- Alison Gordon - Chief Social Work Officer (Education, Families, Justice and Integrated Practice (NLC)
- Des Murray - Chief Executive, NLC
- Stephen Llewellyn - Chief Officer - Housing (NLC)

TNT Attendees

- Dylan Duff
- Beth-Anne McDowall
- Lauren Ferns



Who Cares? Scotland Attendees (in a supporting role)

- Laura Campbell, NL Development Officer
- Jacqueline McLachlan, Advocacy & Participation Worker
- Elle Scott, Advocacy & Participation Worker



Volunteers who attended

- Norma Corrie
- Danielle Reid

We thought a good way to celebrate was to look back at the progress made during those 5 years. We posted A LOT of updates on our social media channels throughout the week - please go have a look!



#KeepThePromise PROMISE PLEDGE



We believe that professionals and young people should be working together to improve the outcomes for care experienced young people in North Lanarkshire who are care experienced.

We need to create a partnership, working to influence decisions affecting these young people. As such we would like for you to become a Promise Keeper ...Today...not Tomorrow.

By signing this pledge, you agree to:

- Support the work of the Champions Board Participation groups in any way you can, including promoting the groups, enhancing the outcomes of care experienced young people.
- Keep The Promise at the forefront of all your work
- Protect the rights of all Care Experienced people in North Lanarkshire



We also thought this would be a good time to refresh Corporate Parent commitment by asking them to sign (or re-sign) our Promise Pledge. This can be done online - please contact our Development Officer for the link if you haven't already signed

OUR GROUPS



- Our Young People's Champs Group
- 14-26 years
- Meet fortnightly on Mondays
- Work on topical issues
- An interface between Care Experienced People in North Lanarkshire and the local authority



Mad Middles

- Junior Champs
- 12-16 years
- Meet fortnightly on Wednesdays
- Youth led agenda



Crafty Foxes

- Mini Champs!
- Arts & crafts group
- 8-12 years
- Meet monthly - 3rd Tuesday of the month



For more info on the groups or any of the work we are doing, you can contact our Development Officer, Laura on 07849086191 or lcampbell@whocaresscotland.org

We're also on social media! To keep up with what we're doing in-between these newsletters make sure to like and follow us on twitter, instagram and facebook.



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