



Today Not Tomorrow

North Lanarkshire's Champions Board

# Newsletter

July - Sept 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

# July



**BEST  
OF LUCK**

We said goodbye and good luck to one of our original members, Beth-Anne. Beth-Anne has moved on from the group and is now working with NHS Lanarkshire as Promise Lead Officer, where we know she will do great things. Now a Corporate Parent, we look forward to engaging with her in a different capacity.

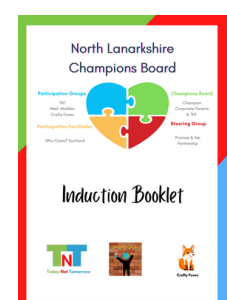
We updated our language leaflet and video. This was to highlight some changes that have been made, but also reflect that language is fluid, there is no one 'correct' option so options are important.



Copies are available on request

**New!**

With support from Councillor Costello, we have created an induction/information booklet for new members joining the Champions Board. We hope this fully explains the role and function of the Champions Board



# July

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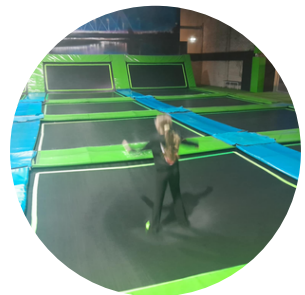
We visited the @Home Centre in Airdrie. As well as enjoying some hot drinks served by barista trained young people, we had a tour of the building and a quick chat with North Lanarkshire Youth Council (NLYC)

NLYC is the voice of Young People of North Lanarkshire and is made up of the nine democratically elected MSYPs and young people from each locality.

They meet fortnightly everyone where everyone provides an update on successes and issues coming from the local areas. In addition, the group then plan and act on key tasks, creating action plans and evaluating projects.



Crafty Foxes enjoyed a trip to Flip Out as a special summer treat



# AUGUST



Crafty Foxes had some messy play time and created different colours of slime

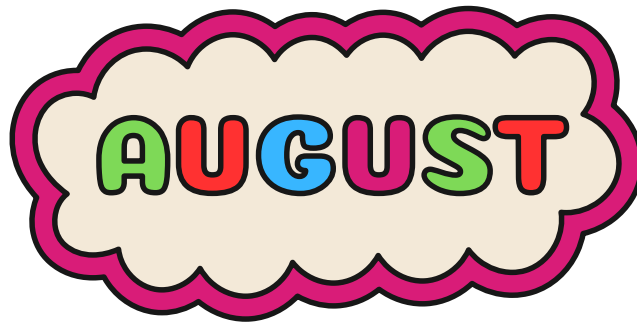


Some of us attended a CHS Panel members event.

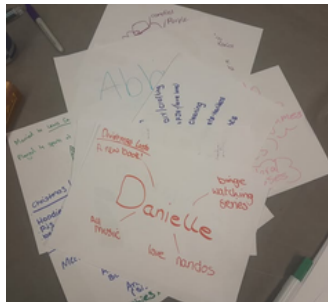
We delivered some icebreakers to the groups of panel members to encourage some thought about stigma.

We then hosted a stall and shared information about Champs and how panel members can get involved/support. As well as this, we shared some advocacy information to ensure that members are aware that young people can be supported to attend and understand Children's Hearings by an advocate.





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We welcomed a new member so did some intro sessions to help with getting to know each other



We had a full Champions Board Meeting, held at Motherwell Fire Station

It was a busy agenda, and you'll notice that Lifelong Group is on it - we feel a lifelong group for those aged 26+ would be a great thing to have - what do you think?







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# Q Showcase Event

Promotional materials were sent out for the Showcase Event taking place in October.

The Showcase Event is an opportunity for Care Experienced people to highlight their skills & talents during Care Experienced Week CEYP can submit entries (poster/drawing/poem etc). Entries can be something they really enjoy, are awesome at, or feel passionate about. These will be displayed at the event itself

The Showcase event will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, therefore **all entries MUST be submitted by 14th October**



 **REGISTER NOW**

to attend the  
Showcase

# September



We welcomed another new member during September, we're so happy to extend our TNT family

## PREP

Crafty Foxes started their Showcase prep. They are looking forward to showing off their creations



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PREP



We also started some Showcase prep, including art & craft activities and preparing some freebies for the goodie bags.



One of us recorded some audio for Who Cares? Scotland as part of their presentation to raise awareness of their advocacy services

Just!  
for  
Fun!

Tell us your favourite thing about Autumn!  
Share on our socials and remember to tag us and use  
#NLChamps





## 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

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



Crafty Foxes



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](mailto: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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