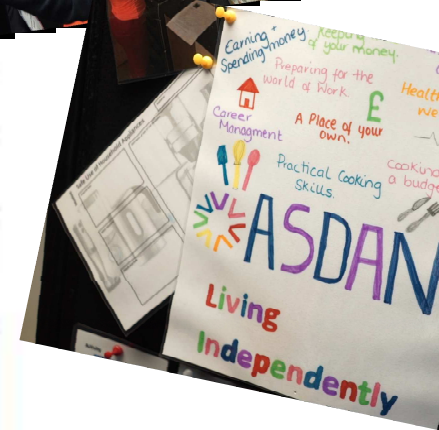


# NATIONAL LEAVING CARE BENCHMARKING FORUM



# Where & why

This year the NLCBF/YPBMF celebration event was Held in Birmingham.



Is not just a celebration event but an opportunity for local authority to show case good practise within the service.





# What's the big idea ?

Loneliness

Preparation for adult life

Accommodation

Living/Staying Outside  
of Area



UASC and EU Migrants

Working Alongside Care  
Leavers

# Coventry-What's the Big Idea?

Housing officers are based in the leaving care team. They help with preparation for independence and work closely with housing providers. They run workshops with care leavers and looked after young people, looking at tenancy's/budgeting. This takes pressure off the PA's and they continue to provide support once the young person has moved into their accommodation.



# Hull-What's the Big Idea?

The Director for Regeneration is the care leaver local offer champion, this has created job opportunities for care leavers and good transport offer.

They provide an opportunity for care leavers to try different job roles before they decide which apprenticeship would be better for them.

They have a Local Offer Team which consists of 2 care leavers and the participation worker.



# North Somerset-What's the Big Idea?

Offer diverse apprenticeships within the council not just BSO.

They run a Corporate Parenting Board trip to Scotland for young people wanting to get involved in participation-confidence building etc. This encourages more young people to get involved and have a say about the service. For those not wanting to get involved they send a survey for their views and then provide a gift voucher for completing it.



# Solihull-What's the Big Idea?

Care leavers are guaranteed an interview for in-house jobs

They have an older care leaver what's-App group for keeping in touch

2 training flats for preparation to independence

Catering team within the council do sessions with care leavers on healthy meals and cooking skills.





# PEN PALS

Residential twice a year for care leavers up to the age of 25, activities, prep for independence etc.

For care leavers going to university  
they buy a suitcase and fill with towels,  
bedding, cutlery etc.





# Stockport-What's the Big Idea?

Intensive support workers are based in the leaving care team, they provide additional out of hrs support Monday-Saturday 10.30am-7pm and sat 12-5pm.



They support with GP appointments, CV writing, support with benefits, activities etc

# What big ideas did we take back?

Housing officers are based in the leaving care team.  
Really good idea takes pressure off the PAs and the young people but also give them specialist support regarding housing /housing options

Intensive support workers provide additional out of hrs support Monday-Saturday 10.30am-7pm and sat 12-5pm  
this provides

- Support to reduce isolation .
  - Reduce crisis.
  - Give yp the opportunity attend more groups in the evening .
  - Creates better relationships with worker and yp which
- Then give better outcome for participation.

- supports the PA and social work to provide the best Opportunities for the yp



How does this  
tie in with  
our young people's



*Want's* & *need's*

# Last but not least

Big shout out to ralph ,the apprentices from the north for being the runner up for the ypbmf champion

For all the  
Work he has  
Done for the  
NLCBF





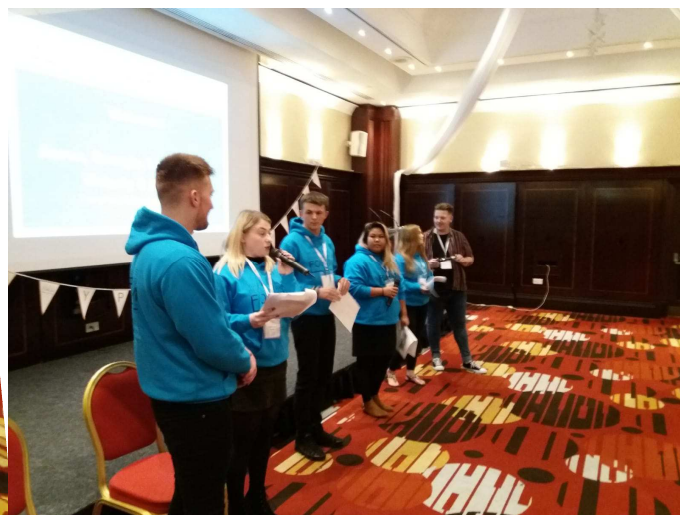
**Also well done to  
Lancashire for coming  
second place for the best  
public speakers award**



# Mangers event in Leeds



# What did I take back ?



## **DfE feedback-Mark Ridell/Rob macpherson**

- Good examples from other local authorities-Hull
- Who's sat in the room-success to CP approach and local offer
- Be ambitious
- Rough Sleepers strat-Lancashire included in the funding-recruit PA's specialist in housing to have a low case load.