



Participation Update

What is Participation

- ❖ Participation is the active involvement of children and young people.
- ❖ Participation differs from other activities as children and young people are routinely consulted.
- ❖ The process by which children and young people influence decision making, which brings about change in them, others, their services and their communities.

What are our aims?

- ❖ Our aim is to help children and young people bring about positive change through active participation. We want all services and organisations to listen to the ideas and opinions of young people.
- ❖ To enable a platform for SEND and Care experienced young people to have their voice heard on issues that matter to them and to make positive change.



Meet The Staff Team



Brian Wood - Team Leader
- North Targeted Youth
Support and Thematic
Lead for Participation



Hans Mundry Professional
Range Youth Worker
responsible for Lancashire
Youth Council



Suli Hussain Professional
Range Youth Worker
responsible for POWAR -
The SEND Forum



April Rankin Professional
Range Youth Worker
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(Children in Care Council)
and Carer Leavers Forum



VACANT Youth Support
Worker



Lorna Harris Youth
Support Worker



Adam Riley Youth Support
Worker

120 Unique Young People

With a total of over 400 attendees

With 60 young people taking lead roles in participation



LANCASHIRE
YOUTH COUNCIL

April-Present

Lancashire Youth Council



What has Lancashire Youth Council been up to?

Interviewing senior management recruitment

Interviewing front line youth workers for recruitment

Taking part in Youth Focus North West research work

Taking part in LCC scrutiny meetings

Youth Studies into Mental Health (a young person's view)

Youth studies into Bullying

Forming a youth interview panel

Each district youth council have been working on projects that are important to their district area

Young people have attended Regional youth forum meetings.

Young people have engaged with the British Youth council supporting National projects

Young people have been contacting schools, Councillors, MP's and other agencies to gain information and to promote their projects.

Young people have had meetings with the High Sheriff of Lancashire who was very interested in young people's activities.

Young people are working on food poverty

Plastic recycling.

The Make Your Mark

Member of Youth Parliament Election

47 Unique Young People

All Together POWAR has had 151 engagements



July-Present

POWAR Send Forum

What Has POWAR been up to?

- ❖ Young People Can Join Local District Groups
- ❖ Creating Easy Meeting reading agendas for the inclusion of our SEND Young people
- ❖ Group Members have created a new logo
- ❖ Participated in Interview Panels for new staff
- ❖ Taken part in Young Inspector training
- ❖ Inclusion on Projects
- ❖ Representing young people on the Send Partnership Board

50 Unique Young People

All Together CICC/CLF has had 191 engagements



July-Present

LINX Children in Care Council and
Care Leaver Forum

What has CICC and CLF been up to?

- ❖ Participated in Interview Panels for New Posts
- ❖ Group Members have attended Face to Face sessions
- ❖ Representing Young people at Corporate parenting Board
- ❖ Taking Part in Consultations for social care, Family Safeguarding
- ❖ Undertaken Young Inspector training
- ❖ Took Part in Summer Involvement/Care leavers week Events
- ❖ Creating Our Journey Videos
- ❖ Delivering Presentations to Social Work Academy

Working Alongside



- ❖ Personal Advisors
- ❖ Social Workers

- ❖ Teams Managers
- ❖ Councillors
- ❖ Heads of Services





Upskilling

To Teach Additional skills

“The staff are supportive, and it gives me an opportunity to meet new people and creates an environment for me to talk about mental health.” Emma 15

*“I feel welcome and it gives me the chance to make positive change “
Mickel 17*

Locations

- ❖ The Children in care council , Care Leavers Forum and POWAR is made up of 6 local youth voice Groups, located in:
- ❖ South – Skelmersdale & Walton-le-Dale
- ❖ East – Gt Harwood and Colne
- ❖ North – Lytham St Annes & Lancaster
- ❖ Zoom – All Areas

