



What LINX Have Been Doing.....



**We have attended our
monthly Children in
Care Council meetings
in Central, East and
North Lancashire**



**We have taken part in
focus groups to look
at access to
healthcare**

assessments for

Children Looked After

We'll tell you more about this later...



**We have attended
executive meetings
with Lancashire Youth
Council**



**We have attended
PULSE meetings
Lancashire's young
person's Health and
Well-being Board**



We have had two primary days

**One was at Uclan when
15 children attended
the Science Festival
to test out phygital objects
and give their feedback**



One of our members won the national Young Volunteer Award for Barnardo's



He was also invited to attend the Education Orals at the Palace of Westminster



**On 23rd July he was
invited to Lancashire's
full council meeting to
be formally
congratulated for his
achievements**





**We have written our script
for the ITV FIXERS project
which will be a short
animated film aimed at
tackling social stereotypes
for Year 7 school
pupils**





On 8th July the State of the Nation: Report on Children in Care and Care Leavers was published

2 young people from Lancashire helped develop the survey and LINX all completed the online survey



**Two of our members have
attended a residential trip
with 'Amplify' the Young
Persons Advisory Group to
the Children's
Commissioner for England**



**Two of our members
were involved in
interviewing social
workers in East
Lancashire**



**A member of
LINX and VIP
guest Sally
Lindsay who met
at the PROUD
awards are
featured in
Celebrity Support
for Barnardo's
VIP magazine**



Making Barnardo's PROUD

Sally Lindsay met children, young people and foster carers at the PROUD Awards in Preston, which celebrates the achievements of all children in care in Lancashire. The children and care leavers had a lot of input into the planning of the event, which was organised by Barnardo's Include Me 2 Participation Service and Lancashire County Council.

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5 members attended a planning meeting in Oldham for a North West Children in Care Conference to be held in September





**We have been visited by
the Virtual Head Teacher to
start planning for the Year
10 and 11 Event at
Woodlands in October**





9 members attended a training event

Promoting the Health &
Well-being of Children Looked
After

1 member attended the Lancashire Safeguarding Children's Board Meeting to talk about LINX





The Children's Rights Alliance for England

'See it, Say it, Change it'
Steering Group



On the 1st July 2 young people from Lancashire attended a meeting in London to present to the United Nations the findings from the steering group

**The following clip
summarizes the work of
the steering group:**

<http://www.crae.org.uk/get-involved/see-it,-say-it,-change-it/>

Some things Care Leavers said.....

They don't give
you enough
support to
leave care until
it's too late

After they've
signed me
off. I've fallen
straight flat
on my face

Many
people hit
rock bottom
after leaving
care

Some things Looked After Children said ...

[at school]
There's an
expectation that
if you live in
care then you
wouldn't be the
same as other
people

You know before you
go into care they
make you work it out
with parents.....Why
can't they do that
with foster care?

You start building bridges
with your social worker,
they just switch them.
They switched my
social worker
like there's no tomorrow



Some recommendations from the report include:

There should be an entitlement for young people to remain in residential care Until the age of 21

Local authorities should be stopped from placing care leavers in bed and breakfast accommodation

All children in care and care leavers should have an automatic right to an assessment of their mental health needs

Access to useful advocacy services for children in Care should be improved so that they are available to every child who wants them

**The
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