

**Care Leaver's Group  
Minutes, 21 May**

**Present**

Young people: Kelli, Caitlin, Jack, Daniel, Luke, Arun, Sam, Alex, George

Staff: Nancy, Mark, Ellen

	<b>Topic/Discussion</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	<p><b>Farewell</b> Sadly, we said farewell to 3 of our 'older' and longest standing CHICC volunteers: Jack, George and Luke.</p> <p>All 3 have made a great contribution to CHICC over the years and will be missed at our monthly meetings.</p> <p>Luke is taking on the role of 'CHICC Ambassador' so he can keep us up to date with all the national events and groups he is involved in to do with Care Leavers.</p> <p>Jack and George both wish to carry on volunteering at Breaks.</p> <p>We wish them all well and look forward to seeing them at CHICC events</p>	<p><b>Nancy to refer J and G to YC Herts for volunteering opportunities</b></p>
2	<p><b>News</b> Jack is doing a sky dive for Earthworks! Mark will circulate the link for people to sponsor Jack</p> <p>Daniel and 2 other young people spoke at full council on the theme of health. Over 100 people were in attendance in the Council Chamber. The speeches were excellent, and all the young people were very confident. Managers will go through the speeches to see what issues were highlighted and will invite the young people to Children's Services panel to hear response and any actions arising</p> <p>Kelli, Daniel, Caitlin and others have been involved with Step Up Recruitment in Luton at the University of Beds. All participated really well and it has been good to see young people's voice influencing decisions.</p>	<p><b>Nancy to let young people know date for Children's Services Panel meeting</b></p>
3	<p><b>Project Positive</b> Ellen explained that a local businessman and contact of Teresa Heritage is helping us extend Project Positive by offering free training to care leavers.</p> <p>CLG were asked t heir thoughts on proposed training. Feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Great opportunity for care leavers</li> <li>- Should be split over 2 days, possibly in care leavers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ellen to feedback to the contact and ask him to attend next Care Leaver's Group</b></p>

	<p>week, October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Title should be appealing, eg 'unlock your potential'</li> <li>- Interview coaching would be good</li> <li>- Free hair cuts/make overs and advice on making a good first impression</li> <li>- People from different industries eg formula 1</li> </ul> <p>CLG thought it would be good to meet Dean and discuss he ideas face to face</p>	
4	<p><b>Care Leaver's Pledge</b></p> <p>New wording has now been finalised, aligning the pledge to the Bees and simplifying so there are just 2 main versions. We now need to get the pledge printed. Deputies had suggested going for a more serious design than previously, so that yp feel it is an important document. CLG agreed. It should be A5 size and should not be full of lots of text. Big print if possible.</p>	<p><b>Nancy to liaise with Herts Repro</b></p>
5	<p><b>Bright Spots Survey</b></p> <p>Results from this year's survey will be shared with CHICC on Monday 17 June from 4.30pm at Farnham House. The following can go: Daniel; Luke (possibly); Kelly; Arun; Sam</p>	
6	<p><b>Joint CHICCs</b></p> <p>Following consultation, we are now adopting a new style of Joint CHICC in order to get a wider group of young people and staff along. The first of the new style Joint CHICC is on Wednesday 10 July at the XC in Hemel. The theme will be 'is there enough support when you first come into care?' . The following said they can come: Sam; Alex; Kelly; Caitlin; Daniel</p>	
7	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>Wed 25 June 5pm – 7pm</p>	