



Rights & Voice

Hull City Council

**Dream On - Listening to how
children in care feel**

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Hull's children in care council made a film based on the themes from their Bright Spots findings about how children in care were feeling. The 'Dream On' film has won several awards. Hull council are committed to using the film in their work as a reminder to always keep the focus on children.

Why? Nearly 400 children in care and care leavers took part in the Bright Spots programme in Hull in 2021-22. The survey findings focused attention on how children and young people themselves felt they were doing and what was important to them. Inspired by what everyone had said Hull's children in care council made a film (Dream On).



"The digital transformation delivered by Hull is moving, uplifting, and most importantly, it has the voices of children front and centre."

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What? Children who worked on the film (<https://mypockets.co.uk/dream-on>) wrote:

"We made Dream on because we wanted to tell the story of someone coming into care and the people around us. We hope to inspire people to do their best whatever part they play in our lives to make things better and keep us at the centre of their thinking."

Hull see the film as a way to challenge everyone to think differently about what care should be; "to try harder, to dream" (Corporate parenting strategy 2022-2024). At the film premiere *"there wasn't a dry eye in the room, people were so moved by the great product young people had produced and the beautiful message it gave."*



Impact There is commitment to show the film at meetings & use in training. The corporate induction e-learning package for all new council employees has been refreshed so that all new starters will watch Dream On to help them understand what being a corporate parent means. The film has been very successful. 'Dream on' has gone on to reach people across the UK who are involved in the care system, it has moved people, raised awareness and refocused attention on delivering change.

It won the A National Voice (ANV) 'Voice Award' (watch their nomination film here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsAd285KaDc>) . The film was also part of Hull's winning entry in the UK Social Worker Awards for digital transformation: <https://www.hullccnews.co.uk/07/11/2022/hull-wins-digital-transformation-in-social-work-award/>