Spotlight on practice



Rights & Voice

Derbyshire County Council – Voices of Care CiCC

Film for prospective foster carers

Voices of Care CiCC made a film for prospective foster carers – they emphasised the skills needed to become an awesome foster carer; kindness, patience, humour & being aspirational.

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This is a practice example from A NATIONAL VOICE https://coramvoice.org.uk/for-professionals/co-production-and-participation-with-young-people/

Why? The ANV AMPLIFY awards aim to champion and recognise the work of children in care councils and care leaver forums. They were held in October 2022 (<u>Amplify - Coram Voice</u>) – Derbyshire children in care council were nominated for the 'Participation award'. <u>ANV</u> <u>Awards Nominations - Derbyshire Voices of</u> <u>Care - YouTube</u>

What did they do?

The children in care council in Derbyshire have created a short <u>film for prospective foster</u> <u>carers</u> – the group worked together to agree the key skills they would like to see in new carers - loving, sense of humour, creativity and aspirational – were some of the top things that would help people become totally awesome carers.

The work was praised in the ANV awards with young people judges saying:

"This is a really well put together video, it is fun & eye-catching".

"We really love the spy theme!"

"Young people clearly helped influence this. Thank you so much for sharing this great work".

What difference is it making?

The film has contact details for the fostering service and encourages anyone who is interested in finding out more about becoming a foster carer to get in contact.

> Don't forget to be part of this assignment you should demonstrate the following skills:



Good luck, you now have the potential to become an asset equipped with the skills to become an 'Awesome Foster Carer'!