

Spotlight
on practice

Rights & Voice



Wakefield Council – Build Our
Futures CiCC

Highlighting good work in a video

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Build our Futures – is the children in care council in Wakefield – they were really busy in 2021-22 and created a short video to share highlights from their work, including training for social workers a fun day and inclusion of their priorities in the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

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 ([Amplify - Coram Voice](#)) – Wakefield children in care council were nominated for the ‘Participation award’.

What did they do?

Wakefield children in care council (CiCC) is made up of different groups and ages (age 2 up to 32 last year). The CiCC created a video showcasing the work they have been doing over the last year.

- Creative projects (e.g. singing)
- Training professionals (including health, education & other public services)
- Influencing council policy (e.g. local offer for care leavers)
- Organising fun activities.

Watch the video:

files.smartsurvey.io/2/1/VJ4HL2T8/201931622_17289544_2535932.mp4

Find out more about their work:

<https://care4us.co.uk/homepage/whats-on/bof/>

What difference is it making?

Wakefield CiCC works to make sure young people are acknowledged as experts. ‘Participation and voices’ is now mandatory training for all newly qualified social workers and children/families staff.

The CiCC priorities are now the Council priorities – they are adopted in the Wakefield CYP plan 2022-2025

(<https://wakefield.pagetiger.com/wakefieldcypplan22-25>).

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people from 2 to
32 years-old make
their voices heard**

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