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on practice

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North Yorkshire County Council
– Care Champions CiCC & CLF

Tackling the language of care – training video

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North Yorkshire Care Champions have made a training film for professionals about ‘tackling the language of care’ – the film is causing lots of discussion and reflection about what needs to change and ways to better support children and young people in care.

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](#)) – North Yorkshire were nominated in the ‘Campaign award’.

What did they do?

The group led the project & worked together sharing lots of experiences & ‘hard truths’ for professionals; in the film young people act out short scenarios relating to social worker practice continuity, staying connected and being mindful of language.

The work was one of the winners at the ANV awards with young people judges saying: *“Great that the video is used for training. I also like that there are photos of how young people felt during the planning. It’s clear that all ideas have been listened to that were put forward by young people. The video is a really good example of a campaign....The idea is a great one, the topic is important as it is a national issue and needs to be addressed and talked about. Young people definitely come across as the main focus....Keep going you’ve really got something.”*

What difference is it making?

The group want to make sure social workers and managers sit up and listen to the messages in the video. It is now used as part of training for newly qualified social workers – it has also been shown at conferences and in meetings with the Director.

Those involved reflected on their involvement and why this was important to them saying: *“every young person had all their ideas listened to and put forward”*.

<https://vimeo.com/687041170/dcc8f5d382>



<https://www.inspiringsocialwork.org/news/award-for-taking-back-the-language-of-care-campaign>

NORTH YORKSHIRE CARE CHAMPIONS- TAKING BACK THE LANGUAGE OF CARE FILM PROJECT 2022

DESCRIBE YOUR GROUP IN 5 WORDS -
INSPIRING BRAVE TRUTHTELLERS TACKLING STIGMA.

WHY SHOULD THEY WIN THIS CATEGORY?

North Yorkshire Care Champions created a video tackling the language of care, and I believe they should win this category as they were really brave and shared lots of hard truths. They addressed stigma and the impact of language on children in care and care leavers. They demonstrated passion and empathy for others and really wanted to make sure that social workers and managers sit up and listen to the messages in the video.

WHAT IMPACT HAS IT HAD?

The video is now being used as part of the training for newly qualified social workers and has been used to provoke and prompt discussions about what needs to change at a lived experience conference organised by the social work teaching partnership. They also talked to the director of CYPs about making sure that we continue to make sure that belongings are respected and not moved in binbags under any circumstances.

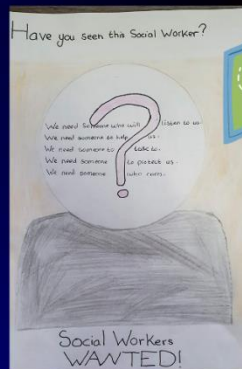
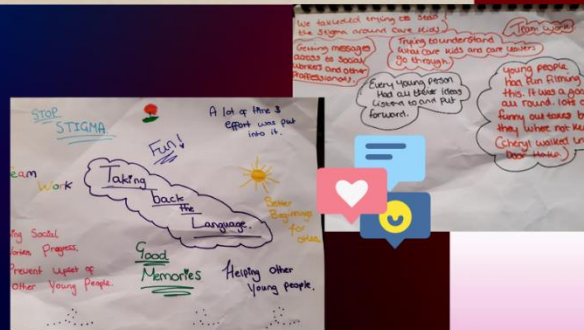
HOW HAS IT IMPACTED AND INVOLVED YOUNG PEOPLE

Care leavers took the lead early in the discussions about how to make the film, sharing their stories with us and suggesting ideas to be included. The film was created working as a team to gather stories from the care champions including younger and older members of the group. I asked the group to write some reflections about taking part and here is what they said about why being involved was important.....

watch our
training film
here



Here is the North
Yorkshire entry to the ANV
awards



WHAT'S YOUR
Number

When my social worker keeps changing
it feels like I am being passed around
like a parcel.

I have to keep starting again
and telling them my story.

