

# National Care Leavers Week - #NCLW

Monday 28th October to Sunday 3rd November 2024

Calendar of Events, Campaigns and Activities.  
during and around NCLW

The Alliance for Looked After Children & Care Leavers and care-experienced young people from across the country are working together to share ideas, collaborate, and coordinate some planned activities for this year's National Care Leavers Week.

We have created this information booklet with the theme, call to action and a summary of events, campaigns and activities taking place across the country.

Please share it across your networks  
and, if possible, on your website.



During a workshop, care experienced individuals and various organisations came together to come up with three starting ideas on what this year's theme would be for #NCLW.

Two weeks later, with close to 200 votes from care experienced individuals across the country, the theme was decided.

# All of Us, We are One

"I picked "All of Us, We are One" as when I am with other care leavers I really do feel the most understood. I really do feel like we are one."





# Call to Action for #NCLW:

A working group from the Alliance has also agreed to a call to action to unite Care-Experienced individuals, the organisations that support them, and allies of the care-experienced community for a common purpose.

*'This National Care Leavers' Week 2024, we're calling on the public, professionals, carers, decision-makers, and the media to CARE'.*

**Celebrate:** *care leavers/care experienced individuals.*

**Amplify:** *their voices.*

**Raise:** *awareness of challenges.*

**Encourage:** *change in policy and practice.*



# #NCLW: Events, Campaigns and Activities

Name of your Event, Campaign or Activity	Description	Date/s and Time/s	Target Audience	Any other useful info	Contact Details
<p><b>Dorset Council Youth Voice</b></p> <p><b>We all bloom differently</b></p>	<p>Join us for a special exhibition, "We All Bloom Differently" created by Dorset's care leavers, to commemorate National Care Leavers' Week (Monday 28th October to Sunday 3rd November). This exhibition offers an opportunity to explore the personal stories, thoughts, and creativity of those who have experienced the care system.</p>	<p><b>Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November</b></p>	<p>General Population/ Dorset Residents</p>	<p>Entry to the exhibition is FREE.</p> <p>Please note: the exhibition will be closed to the public at times on Friday 1st November for a private event.</p>	<p>For more information about the exhibition or Dorset's care leavers, please get in touch with Dorset Council's Youth Voice team: youthvoice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk @DorsetCouncilYouth</p>
<p><b>NLCBF / YPBMF</b></p> <p><b>In Their own Words Report - Digital Launch!</b></p>	<p>In 2024, 200 care experienced individuals completed a survey created by care experienced individuals. We are CELEBRATING #NCLW by launching a report every day to AMPLIFY the voices of care experienced individuals, RAISE awareness of the challenges they face and ENCOURAGE change in policy and practice with local and national asks.</p>	<p><b>Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November</b></p>	<p>Care Experienced individuals, corporate parents and senior policy/decision makers and practitioners</p>	<p>Thank you to the care experienced young people and adults who shared their views and experiences, to our YPBMF Champions, Legends and NLCBF Sessional workers who coproduced our workshops, events and reports. Thanks to the Local Authority Leaving Care teams, Coram Voice, Become, Care Leavers National Movement, Drive Forward Foundation, and everybody who circulated the survey.</p>	<p>On our website and via our social media accounts.</p> <p><a href="https://leavingcare.org/in-their-own-words-2024-reports">https://leavingcare.org/in-their-own-words-2024-reports</a></p> <p>nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk</p> <p>@nlcbf @ypbmf #NCLW #InTheirOwnWords</p>



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Rees Foundation	We'll be holding our event at the launch of a new café partnership, Three Trees in Solihull. There will be a good mix of career advice and support, an Ask Jan stand, friendly faces from the support team and a craft area to encourage care leavers to chat with the Rees Team.	Tuesday 29th October 10:00am - 3:00pm	Care Experienced people of all ages and any professionals interested in the work Rees do.	Care Experienced people can apply for a Rees Guest Card, which can be used at any of our affiliated cafes for a free drink every visit!  Coffee and cake on us!	For more information: contactus@reesfoundation.org  Instagram: reesfoundation Facebook: ReesFoundation
Cafe Launch - Three Trees Community Centre Solihull					
Barnardo's	Barnardo's are running a drop-in event in Parliament to hear directly from care experienced young people on what they would like to see change to support their journeys to independence. Delivered through an 'in conversation style' format, the event will highlight the solutions that could support better journeys to independence.	Date: Tuesday 5 November 2024 Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm Venue: Attlee Suite, Portcullis House	Politicians, policy makers and other professionals interested in hearing how support for care leavers could be improved.	The event will be hosted by Josh MacAlister MP and Lynn Perry MBE, CEO, Barnardo's. People interested in attending can sign up through the eventbrite link: <a href="https://shorturl.at/EBdIr">https://shorturl.at/EBdIr</a>	For enquiries please contact public.affairs@barnardos.org.uk  @barnardos
Conversation with Care Leavers: Supporting journeys to independence					
Drive Forward	Drive Forward Foundation is bringing together young men from our community for a friendly football match focused on both physical and mental well-being. this match is all about teamwork, wellness, and enjoying the game. After the match, we'll have a short session focused on mental health, fitness tips, and how to keep well off the pitch too.	Tuesday 29th October, 5:00pm - 7:30pm	Care Experienced young people aged 18-26	Come for the football, stay for the well-being! Let's kick off National Care Leavers Week in style	For more information: nina@driveforwardfoundation.org #caretocareer
Men's Wellness football match					

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Drive Forward	Drive Forward Foundation will be taking over a stall at the vibrant Lower Marsh Market! This is a fantastic opportunity for our talented young people who run their own businesses showcase their products. Let's celebrate entrepreneurship and the incredible potential of our young people!	Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st October 2024 11:00 - 3:00pm	Open to those wanting to support making a difference, Come by, shop, and show your support! Together, we're building brighter futures.	Whether you're looking for unique crafts, delicious treats, or innovative services, come along and support care leavers as they trade for the day.	For more information: <a href="mailto:nina@driveforwardfoundation.org">nina@driveforwardfoundation.org</a> #caretocareer
Join Drive Forward Foundation at Lower Marsh Market					
Coram Voice	The aim of the day is to bring together children in care councils and care leaver forums to share experiences and celebrate the incredible work they do.	Wednesday 30th October 10:30am - 3:30pm	Care experienced children and young people and supporting professionals.	This in-person event will be held in Manchester, and food and drink will be provided.	Eventbrite: <a href="https://shorturl.at/IsQZ6">https://shorturl.at/IsQZ6</a> Email questions: <a href="mailto:ANV@coramvoice.org.uk">ANV@coramvoice.org.uk</a> Coram Voice social media and #Amplify2024
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Become	Become, the national charity for children in care and young care leavers, is launching a new rolling webinar series offering advice and guidance for care-experienced young people on applying to higher education.	Wednesday 30th October 6:00pm	Care-experienced young people	Visit our website to find out more and to register for the first webinar.	<a href="https://shorturl.at/A9U2S">https://shorturl.at/A9U2S</a>  @Become1992
Navigating Higher Education webinar series					

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Drive Forward	A special Alumni Focus Group Evening and we want YOU to be part of it. This is your chance to reconnect with old friends, share your experiences, and help shape the future of our programs. We're eager to hear your feedback on how we can better support the care leaver community and improve our service	Wednesday 30th October 6:30pm - 8:00pm	Care Leavers aged 26+	Come for the conversation, stay for the community. Together, we can create an even stronger Drive Forward Foundation!	For more information: nina@driveforwardfoundation.org #caretocareer
Drive Forward Alumni Focus group					
Drive Forward	Join us for an unforgettable evening of music, mingling, and mindful relaxation. This event is all about unwinding, reconnecting, and celebrating the incredible Drive Forward community. Enjoy live performances, inspiring stories, and fun activities in a chilled-out, environment.  It's the perfect chance to recharge, meet new people, and reflect on a week of empowerment and growth.	Friday 1st November	Care Experienced young people aged 18-26	Unplug, unwind, and celebrate with us. Let's end the week on a high!	For more information: nina@driveforwardfoundation.org #caretocareer
Drive Social: Unplugged					
NLCBF / YPBMF	#NCLW 2024 theme is "All of Us, We are One" and at our 9th annual celebration event we are finding out how local offers can help to create supportive communities for care experienced individuals..and of course we are celebrating the achievements of care experienced individuals from across the country.	Wednesday 6th November 10:00am - 3.45pm in Birmingham & Online	Care Experienced individuals aged 16 - 25 years with supporting professionals	The event is for care experienced individuals from local authorities who are members of the NLCBF. Members can book places through the members website. If you LA is not a member, check our public website to find out more about the forum our work and events!	https://leavingcare.org/membership/  nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk  @ypbmf @nlcbf #AFairOfferForAll #NCLW #WeAreOne
YPBMF 9th Annual Care Leavers Celebration Event					

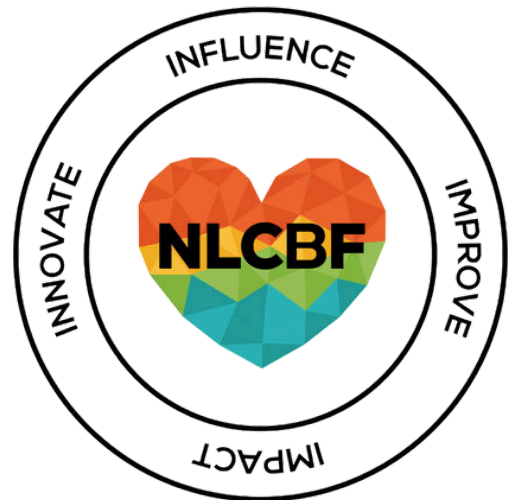


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<div>NLCBF / YPBMF</div> <div> <b>NLCBF Personal Advisor Celebration Event</b> </div>	<p>In addition to our YPBMF Celebration event for care experienced individuals on the 6th November we like to spend a day celebrating the fantastic Personal Advisors/Leaving Care Workers that support care leavers across the country. The event highlights best practice and professionals that go the extra mile in their roles.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 7th November 2024, 10:00am - 3:45pm in Birmingham and online</b></p>	<p>Personal Advisors and Leaving Care Workers with some limited spaces for care experienced attendees</p>	<p>The event is for PA's/Leaving Care Workers from local authorities who are members of the National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum. Members can book places through the members website. If you LA is not a member, check our public website to find out more about the forum our work and events!</p>	<p><a href="https://leavingcare.org/membership/">https://leavingcare.org/membership/</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk">nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk</a></p> <p>@ypbmf @nlcbf #AFairOfferForAll #NCLW #WeAreOne</p>
<div>NLCBF / YPBMF</div> <div> <b>Positivitree Project - plant a tree to symbolize growing and celebrating your local offer</b> </div>	<p>To mark 20 Years of NLCBF, we are asking member local authorities to plant a tree symbolising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Their commitment to seeing care experienced young people grow and thrive.</li> <li>A commitment to growing their local offer to care experienced young people</li> </ul> <p>We would love to see groups of care experienced young people, leaving care professionals and corporate parents getting together across the country to plant their 'Positivitree.'</p>	<p><b>Ongoing but perfect activity for #NCLW or National Tree Week in November!</b></p>	<p>Care experienced individuals, Leaving Care Teams, Corporate Parents (Councillors, MPs, Director of Children Services) Foster Carers, Children in Care</p>	<p>We have worked with Timpsons to create a plaque for each 'Positivitree' which will mark the occasion of NLCBF's 20th birthday and link to the local authority's local offer.</p>	<p><a href="https://leavingcare.org/positivitree/">https://leavingcare.org/positivitree/</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk">nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk</a></p> <p>@ypbmf @nlcbf #AFairOfferForAll #NCLW #Positivitree</p>





Big thank you to all the organisations and young people involved in helping shape this year's #NCLW



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# #NCLW - What Can You Do?

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## Join an Event:

*Come along to one of the many events listed*

## Social Media Boost:

*Share content via your social media platforms using #NCLW*

*We will share and boost your activity leading up to and during National Care Leavers Week.*

## Contact Us:

Please get in touch, to tell us about your event and with any ideas or suggestion for future National Care Leavers Week Events, Campaigns and Activities at

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