



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

**Children In Care
Council (CICC)**

Young People's Voices

Young People's Voices is a series of groups for young people in care and care leavers. The groups are;

Junior (8-12 years)

Senior (13-16 years)

16+ and Care Leavers (16-21 years)

These groups not only allow you to meet multiple people in care and make friends but to also have an important role within them; your voice and feedback helps services be young person friendly from your point of view; become part of the group by joining and have your voice heard directly by decision makers.

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WHAT WE DO

In these groups we do **many different activities** and talk about many important **issues and influence change** within the foster/residential care system. We help **train** new foster carers and get involved in lots of **projects** (e.g. ensuring personal education plans are child friendly, residential home inspection visits, helping with the Annual Achievement Day **and lots more.....** We also enjoy social time in the group session which can range from us having **pizza** or making our own **paninis**, **graffiti art or team building!**



ALSO.....

Aside from **graffiti and fun icebreakers** we tackle some important things such as Anti-Bullying, getting things right for us and our rights. These are listened to at **No Labels** where we meet with **team managers and decision makers!** To help make a difference for young people in care. Please come forward if you have anything you wish to **discuss or debate.**



WHAT ARE THE ROLES?

In the **Children in Care Council**, we have **different roles** to help make the meetings run well. We **vote** for who we want to do these jobs so that they **represent** what the **whole group** wants.



The roles are:

- ◇ **Chairperson**
- ◇ **Vice Chairperson**
- ◇ **Secretary**



CHAIRPERSON

A **Chairperson** is the person who **leads the meeting**. They make sure that the group **makes decisions together**. They make sure that **everyone** in the group gets a chance to **say what they think**. The **Chairperson** attends the **No Labels meetings** to **share the views** of the group. Professionals attend the **No Labels** so that we can give your views direct to the decision makers and get feedback



A **Good Chairperson**:

- ◇ Makes sure the meetings are **productive**
- ◇ Makes **everybody** in the group feel **welcome**
- ◇ **Listens** to others

A good chairperson **doesn't**:

- ◇ Make all the decisions **by themselves**
- ◇ Let anyone **take over** the meeting
- ◇ **Ignore** anybody

VICE-CHAIR

A **Vice-Chairperson helps** the chairperson with what they need to do and can sometimes work together. They also **make sure** that **everyone** gets a say. If the **chairperson** can't attend a meeting, the **Vice-Chair** takes over and **runs the meeting**. The **Vice-Chair** attends the **No Labels meetings** to **share the views** of the group.



A **good** Vice-Chair:

- ◇ Makes sure the **chair** is okay
- ◇ **Helps** with anything the **chairperson** needs help with
- ◇ Is ready to **take over** if the chairperson can't come to the meeting

A good Vice-Chair **doesn't**:

- ◇ Try and **take over** from the chairperson
- ◇ Leave the **chairperson** to run the meeting **by themselves**
- ◇ Think that they're **not important!**

SECRETARY

A **Secretary** helps keep the meetings **organised**. They **hand out paperwork** and **information** in the meetings and follows up on the action plan of the group. They take the **minutes** of the meetings to **keep a record** of what happened. The **secretary** helps to **publicize the group to get the word out!** **Everyone is welcome!**



A **good** secretary:

- ◇ Stays **organised**
- ◇ Makes **good notes** in the meeting
- ◇ **Lets people know** about the CICC

A good secretary **doesn't**:

- ◇ Show up **late** to meetings
- ◇ **Ignore** what people are saying
- ◇ Sort things out **last minute**

NO LABELS

There is also a role for being the **Chairperson** of **No Labels**. You can **only apply** for this role if you are not a Chair or Vice Chair person currently for a group. The **No Labels** and **Children in Care Council** gives young people a voice directly within the care system and enables them to get feedback

Where and When?

During term time we meet every four/six weeks at the Mill Adventure Base in Sutton in Ashfield
(**transport is provided if needed**)

If you would like to join one of the groups or would like any more information, please contact:

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