

How can I get involved?

We would welcome you, your views and opinions. We are a small group and we're all in the same boat, so don't be shy – come and join in! If you'd like to bring an adult with you then that's fine too, we know it can be hard joining a new group, but we're all very welcoming and enjoy meeting new members.

If you can't attend a meeting, please send us your email address and you can become a virtual member.



Who should I contact?

Call **Laura Bradley**, Participation Officer, on **01332 956848** or email me **laura.bradley@derby.gov.uk**



You can get an adult to get in touch first if you'd prefer maybe your social worker, IRO or carer. Laura is happy to come and meet with you to tell you more about the group.

To find out more go to **derby.gov.uk/children-in-care-council/**



Children in Care Council

The Children in Care Council is a group open to children and young people, aged between 10 and 24, who are looked after by Derby City Council and have experience of being in care.



How do we make a difference?

- We talk about the issues that are important to us, as children and young people, and help make positive changes to improve things for everyone.
- We get involved in training and recruitment and give our views.
- We deliver reports to corporate parenting committee.
- We asked for the social worker profiles to go to all looked after children, so they know who their social worker is and how to contact them.



When and where do we meet?

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month (term time dependant) 5pm – 6pm virtually on Microsoft Teams just until we are able to get back to meeting in person.

The Fun Stuff!

It's a chance to have some fun, make friends and make a difference at the same time.

- We organise trips and activities to celebrate our achievements.
- We do fun stuff.
- We have food together (when in person).
- Takeover Day.

What do we do?

We discuss issues that matter to us and other young people in care, to help those working with us to make changes and make things better.

- “It’s good for socialising with new people” (quote from member).
- “It builds your confidence in talking” (quote from member).
- We discuss issues that matter to us and other young people in care.
- Sometimes we invite guests to come and talk to us.
- We campaign for changes to make things better.
- We get involved in opportunities, like the Takeover Day!

