

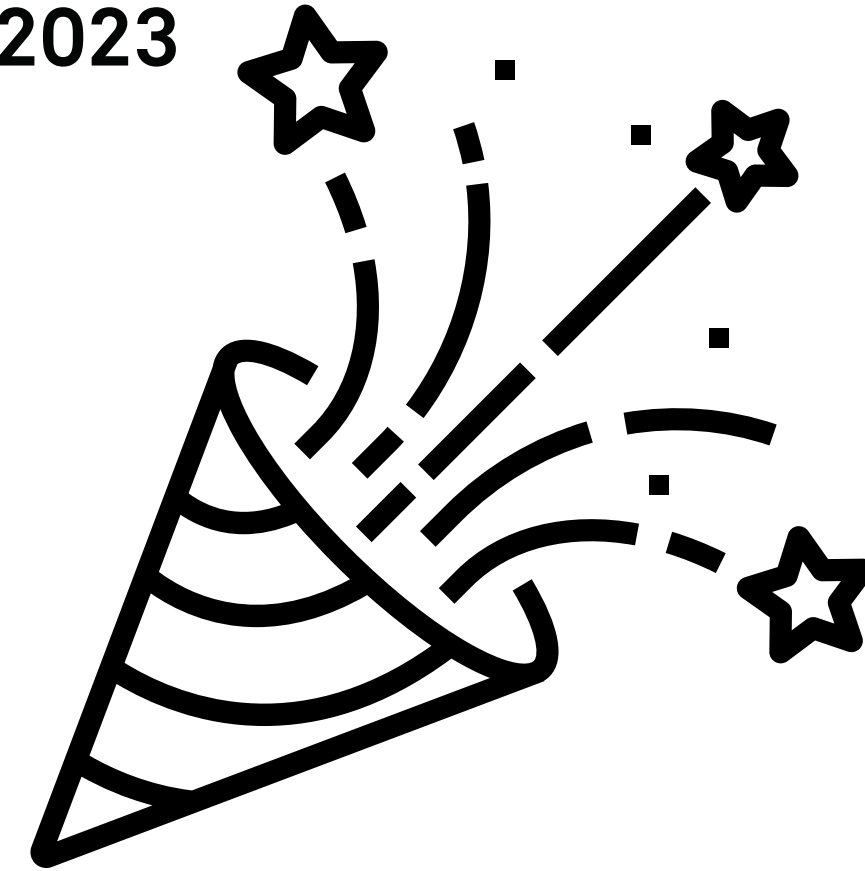
National Care Leavers Week #NCLW

Wednesday 25th October to Wednesday 1st November 2023

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 co-ordinate some planned activities for this year's National Care Leavers Week.

We have created this summary of events, campaigns and activities taking place across the country. Please share it across your networks and if possible, on your website.



Call to Action for #NCLW:

A working group from the Alliance have also agreed a call to action to draw together Care Experienced individuals, the organisations who support them and allies of the care experienced community with a common purpose.



“This National Care Leavers’ Week 2023, we’re calling on the public, professionals, carers, decision-makers, and the media to CARE”.



Celebrate
Amplify
Raise
Encourage

care leavers/care experienced individuals.
their voices.
awareness of challenges.
change in policy and practice.



#NCLW Events, Campaigns & Activities

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A SENSE OF WELLBEING Care Leavers National Movement Conference	Young people across the house project community are coming together to explore what a good sense of wellbeing is for them, their peers and the community around them.	Thursday 19th October 9.30am – 3pm	Care experienced young people, professionals, senior leaders, business's, charities	#senseofwellbeing #CLNM23 #NCLW	Closed event but social media will be active #CLNM23 #senseof wellbeing.
CARE LEAVER INTERNSHIP SCHEME Celebration at No 10	A celebration of the Civil Service Care Leaver Internship Scheme.	Monday 23rd October	Care leaver interns/line managers/MPs/charities	The event at No.10 Downing St will celebrate the scheme and the nearly 1,000 care leavers being appointed into roles across Government.	Contact: Michael.allured@education.gov.uk
AN INTERVIEW WITH... Care Leavers interview ministers	A group of 8 – 10 care-experienced young people meet Minister Mercer and Minister Johnston in Parliament.	TBC	Care leavers	TBC	Contact: Amy.hunter@education.gov.uk
CHARITY CEO ROUNDTABLE Roundtable with Minister Mercer	A group of charity CEOs meet with Minister Mercer to discuss current and future support that can be offered for care leavers.	Wednesday 25th October	Charity CEOs	TBC	Contact: Amy.hunter@education.gov.uk

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<p>ENERGY AWARENESS WORKSHOP</p> <p>The National House Project - Online Event</p>	<p>Energy awareness workshops- supporting care experienced young people to be energy efficient.</p>	<p>Tuesday 24th October at 4pm</p> <p>Teams invite available.</p>	<p>Care experienced young people and the professionals who support them</p>	<p>Delivered by staff and young people in The National House Project.</p> <p>Open to all care experienced young people and the staff that support them.</p>	<p>Please contact Sam Ankers for joining information- sam@thehouseproject.org</p>
<p>AMPLIFY</p> <p>Coram Voice will be holding their 2nd Amplify event this October.</p>	<p>The event aims to bring care experienced children and young people together from across the country to consult, network, celebrate and more! A National Voice ambassadors help to run and co-host the day.</p>	<p>Wednesday 25 October</p> <p>9:30am-4:00pm</p>	<p>Care Experienced Children and Young People aged 11-25. Children and young people usually come with a group and supported by 1 or 2 professionals.</p>	<p>The event will be taking place at the Coram campus in London. Tickets are free to book, but there are limited spaces in the initial sales to allow for a range of authority representation. Once ticket sales close on the 16th October, we will offer out any remaining tickets on a first come first serve basis.</p>	<p>Link to tickets - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/703316006107?aff=oddttdcreato For any questions, please email ANV@coramvoice.org.uk</p>
<p>SOCRATES CELEBRATION DAY UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE IN PRESTON</p> <p>Young people with care experience and their workers are invited to a celebration day</p>	<p>Share the good things that are happening in your area. Meet other young people. Find out about university life. Tell the SOCRATES research team about what to focus on in their work..</p>	<p>Thursday 26th October</p> <p>11am -3pm</p> <p>Online or at the University of Central Lancashire</p>	<p>Care experienced people</p>	<p>We are a new research team called Socrates.</p> <p>Our job in the next 5 years is to try to make a difference in social care. We would like your advice on what to research.</p>	<p>More information about the event is here: https://forms.office.com/e/qCakbyJ8An</p>

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<p>RELATIONSHIPS & CONNECTIONS</p> <p>Share a piece if writing with Rees Foundation</p>	<p>At Rees, we know how important making meaningful connections can be - we want to celebrate positive relationships and give you opportunity to reflect on some of the negative ones.</p>	<p>Deadline Friday 27th October</p>	<p>Care experienced people of all ages</p>	<p>The piece of writing can be any length and could be a piece of poetry. To take part email Rees Foundation with a piece of writing talking about a relationship or connection of your choice.</p>	<p>Email- contactus@reesfoundation.org or on www.reesfoundation.org</p>
<p>OPEN MIC NIGHT</p> <p>Drive Forward Foundation presents Open Mic night.</p>	<p>A night of artistic expression and creativity for our first of many Open Mic Nights. Whether you're a poet, musician, comedian, or performer of any kind, or if you simply want to enjoy the show!</p>	<p>Friday 27th October</p> <p>5pm - 8pm</p>	<p>Care Experienced Young People aged 16 - 30 years old</p>	<p>This is a free event with hot food served on the night. Nothing but good vibes and appreciation of artistic expression Looking for performers.</p> <p>Register your interest by 16th October to be included in the line up for the event</p>	<p>Contact Nina Dei directly via email to find out more information</p> <p>nina@driveforwardfoundation.org</p>
<p>POSITVITREE PROJECT</p> <p>Celebrating 20 years of the National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum (NLCBF) - Grow & Show your Local Offer</p>	<p>NLCBF are asking members to plant a tree with care experienced young people, practitioners and corporate parents. The tree will symbolize our aspirations for care experienced young people and determination to help them to grow and thrive.</p>	<p>From October 2023 onwards</p>	<p>Care Experienced Young People, Practitioners, Corporate Parents & Businesses</p>	<p>The forum is also working with Local Authorities to create a plaque with links to a webpage of Top Tips for developing a Local Offer, resources and tools.</p> <p>The website page will launch in October and we hope many trees and planting events will take place over the Autumn and beyond</p>	<p>Please contact nat.obrien@catch-22.org.uk for more info and find out more about the forum here www.leavingcare.org</p>

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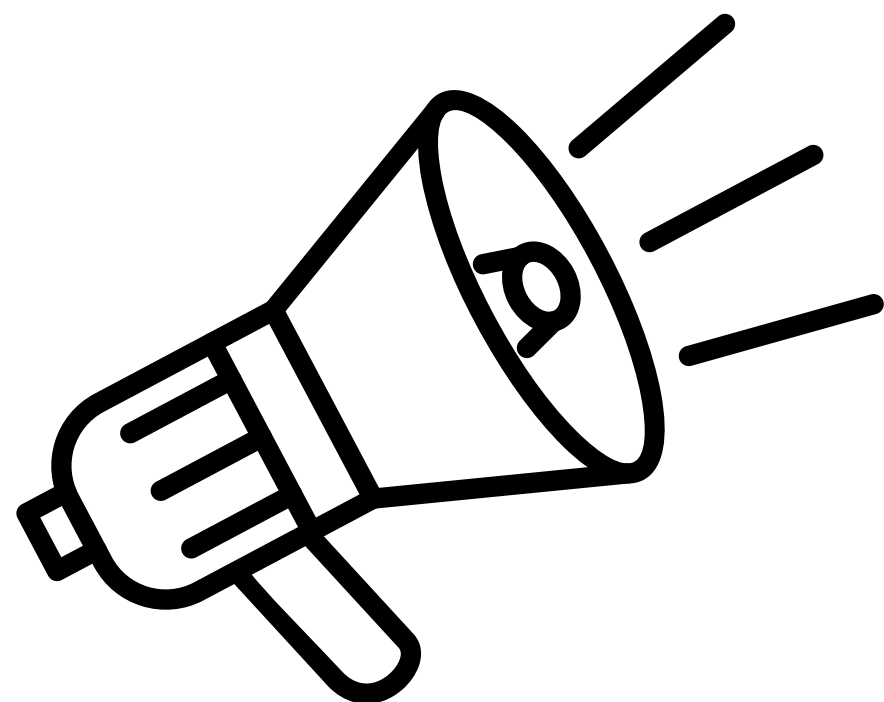
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<p>VOICES 2024</p> <p>Creative Writing Competition</p>	<p>For care experienced children/ young people aged up to 25 years, to express and celebrate creativity and tell their stories. Submissions can include any form of written creativity. All entries receive a certificate.</p>	<p>19th October 2023 to 17th December 2023</p>	<p>Care Experienced children and young people aged 4 -25 years</p>	<p>Opportunity to attend our awards ceremony in London, hosted by Actor Peter Capaldi (from Dr Who). Prizes too. Submissions can be made via our website once entry opens in Oct. *Must be care experienced *Entry must be within 500 max limit. *Must be your own work.</p>	<p>Visit https://coramvoice.org.uk/get-involved/voices-writing-competition/ Contact voices@coramvoice.org.uk</p>
<p>YPBMF “CELEBRATING US” EVENT</p> <p>Young People's Benchmarking Forum Annual National Celebration Event in Birmingham & Online</p>	<p>Young People’s Benchmarking Forum (YPBMF) are putting on their annual event on Wednesday 8th November. “Celebrating Us” will shine a light on the strengths and achievements of young people from across the country.</p>	<p>Wednesday 8th November 10am - 3.45pm</p>	<p>Care Experienced Young People aged 16 - 25 Years & supporting professionals</p>	<p>Maximum of 4 people can attend from local authorities who are members of the forum (check out our website for Forum membership info). Care Leavers attending in person should be supported by a professional. Young people can join online from their own devices or attend via local authority hubs.</p>	<p>Email nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk for more info or visit www.leavingcare.org.uk</p>
<p>NLCBF PERSONAL ADVISOR CELEBRATION EVENT</p> <p>National event to recognize the contribution of Personal Advisors across the country - In Birmingham & Online</p>	<p>This event aims to recognise and celebrate the valuable contribution made by Personal Advisors in supporting care experienced young people. The theme for this year’s event is “Supporting young people with specific needs.”</p>	<p>Thursday 9th November 10am - 3.45pm</p>	<p>Personal Advisors, Social Workers (small allocation of spaces for care experienced young people)</p>	<p>The event is for PA's & Social workers from over 130 NLCBF Local Authorities (86% of LA's in England & Northern Ireland). If your local authority is not a member, please head to our website to find out more about membership benefits. Members can book places on the members website events page.</p>	<p>Email nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk for more info or visit www.leavingcare.org.uk</p>

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<p>#TICKTHEBOX</p> <p>The Fostering Network's #TickTheBox campaign</p>	<p>Encourages people with care experience to tick the box on their UCAS application to say they have spent time in care when they apply for higher education to ensure they can access the support they are entitled to.</p>	<p>Wednesday 25th October to Wednesday 1st November</p>	<p>Care experienced young people going to university and their carers, higher education providers</p>	<p>From 2008-2022, the number of people ticking the box more than doubled – but there is still a long way to go. Please spread the word on social media to care experienced YP you work with, we have a social media pack you can use.</p>	<p>Please get in touch with Natalie.Williams@fostering.net for details.</p>
<p>YOUNG TRAINERS' TAKEOVER</p> <p>Free training webinar</p>	<p>For National Care Leavers' Week, hear directly from care-experienced young people on what they want to be changed at our free training webinar.</p>	<p>Tues 31st October 10am - 10:45am, Wed 1st November 6pm - 6:45pm</p>	<p>Professionals, decision-makers</p>	<p>Zoom training online delivered by Become's Young Trainers'</p>	<p>https://becomecharity.org.uk/become-the-movement/our-campaigns/national-care-leavers-week/#event</p>
<p>LIGHT UP THE TOWN FOR CARE LEAVERS</p> <p>Illuminate Your Town or City – Can you help us light up the nation to celebrate your young people?</p>	<p>Merlin Entertainment will be lighting up the Millenium Eye and Blackpool Tower on Saturday 28th of October to celebrate our care-experienced young people.</p>	<p>Saturday 28th October</p>	<p>Local Government Associations Businesses</p>	<p>Councils across the country are encouraged to light up their public buildings and spaces using the colours of the Care Leaver Covenant. Support the Care Leaver Covenant locally using the colours to light up your public buildings on the evening of Saturday 28thOctober:</p>	<p>Colour Codes for lighting: HEX – #7ecde8</p> <p>Phone - 0800 077 3557</p> <p>Email - info@mycovenant.org.uk</p>

#NCLW...What Can You Do?

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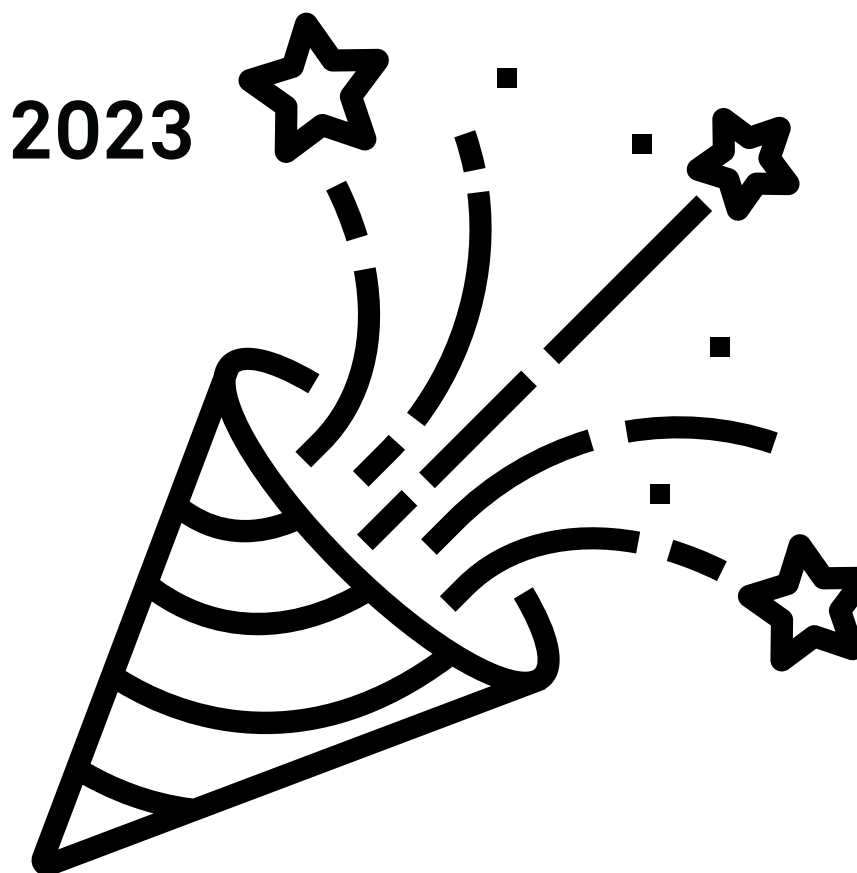


Join an Event:

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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