

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>The Fostering Network</p> <p>The Fostering Network's #TickTheBox Webinar 2024</p>	<p>Support for care experienced people at university or college can vary, so come along to our FREE #TicktheBox webinar to learn about the application process, university best practice and support available! It is open to foster carers, people with care experience and anyone who wants to know more.</p>	<p>Wednesday 23rd October</p> <p>11:00-12:30</p>	<p>Foster carers, care experienced young people applying for university and further education, social workers, university professionals.</p>	<p>Sign up to the webinar using this link: https://bit.ly/4dVg27v</p>	<p>Contact Isobel.Mintz@fostering.net for more information about the webinar and our #TickTheBox campaign. You can also visit the Tick The Box page on our website: https://shorturl.at/YTtu7</p>
<p>UniVerse</p> <p>UniVerse 2024 - Care Leaver Specific Event</p>	<p>Thinking about going to university? Come and meet the Midlands and wider based Universities in one place and hear what their offers for Care Leavers are.</p>	<p>Thursday 24th October</p> <p>09:30-14:30</p>	<p>Care Experienced individuals.</p>	<p>Venue: 3 Centenary Square Birmingham. B1 2DR</p>	

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<p>Derby Theatre</p> <p>Culture Cares Conference 2024 at Derby Theatre</p>	<p>We invite artists, policy makers, care sector workers, arts professionals and educationalists to join us for our third Culture Cares Conference, an incredibly insightful event bringing the cultural and care sectors together for lively conversations, presentations and workshops. For 2024, we are delighted to welcome Olympian, Fatima Whitbread MBE and UK Music Legend, Goldie as our guest speakers.</p>	<p>Thursday 24th October</p> <p>10:00-17:00</p>	<p>Artists, policy makers, care sector workers, arts professionals and educationalists</p>	<p>The day features a brand-new performance co-created by the Plus One Youth Theatre, specifically for this event in response to the show Wonder Boy by Ross Willis, which will also be performed at Derby Theatre for the entire week of the conference.</p>	<p>Website: https://shorturl.at/FTGww</p> <p>Share it on Twitter/X: https://shorturl.at/aRlo4</p>
<p>WMP / CLC</p> <p>Spotlight- reducing re-offending of care leavers in police custody</p>	<p>West Midlands Police and Care Leaver Covenant will be working together to support care leavers whilst in police custody to re-establish relationships with their local authorities and take up diversionary activities.</p>	<p>Monday 28th October</p> <p>09:00-17:00</p>	<p>Care Experienced individuals.</p>	<p>Venue: Perry Barr Custody Suite</p>	<p>Closed event</p>
<p>DFE / GLA / CLC</p> <p>Collaborate for change</p>	<p>Please join us for this National Care Leavers Week event to enhance care leaver support in London and across the country. 'Collaborate for Change' brings together policy makers, social care professionals, leading organisations and care experienced young people.</p>	<p>Monday 28th October</p> <p>18:30-20:30</p>	<p>Policy makers, social care professionals, leading organisations and care experienced young people.</p>	<p>Venue: City hall, London</p>	<p>https://www.partnershipforyounglondon.org.uk/events-1/collaborate-for-change</p>

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<p>Dorset County Council</p> <p>We all bloom differently</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>Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November</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>The Fostering Network</p> <p>The Fostering Network's #TickTheBox campaign</p>	<p>Our nation-wide #TickTheBox campaign encourages people with care experience to tick the box when applying to study via UCAS to say they have spent time in care, so they can access the support they are entitled to help them to thrive at college or university.</p>	<p>Monday 28th October to Saturday 3rd November</p>	<p>Foster carers, care experienced young people applying for university and further education, social workers, university professionals.</p>	<p>During the week we'll be asking everyone to get involved on social media to help us raise awareness of #TicktheBox and share the information and inspirational stories we'll be posting from young people, foster carers, universities and colleges on our X/ Twitter accounts @fosteringnet and @tfn_campaigns.</p>	<p>Contact Isobel.Mintz@fostering.net for more information about the webinar and our #TickTheBox campaign. You can also visit the Tick The Box page on our website: https://shorturl.at/YTtu7</p>

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<p>NLCBF / YPBMF</p> <p>In Their own Words Report - Digital Launch!</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>Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November</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>https://leavingcare.org/in-their-own-words-2024-reports</p> <p>nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk</p> <p>@nlcbf @ypbmf #NCLW #InTheirOwnWords</p>
<p>GMI Construction</p> <p>Construction Cares Workshops</p>	<p>The workshops teach valuable DIY skills, including painting and decorating, plumbing and carpentry and is aimed at those preparing to leave the care system or who have recently transitioned to independent living.</p>	<p>Tuesday 29th October to Thursday 31st October</p> <p>10:00-14:30</p>	<p>Care Experienced individuals</p>	<p>Venue: South and City College's, Birmingham Bordesley Green Campus.</p>	<p>Contact Connects@mycovenant.org.uk</p>
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<p>Rees Foundation</p> <p>Cafe Launch - Three Trees Community Centre Solihull</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Tuesday 29th October</p> <p>10:00- 15:00</p>	<p>Care Experienced people of all ages and any professionals interested in the work Rees do.</p>	<p>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!</p>	<p>For more information: contactus@reesfoundation.org Instagram: reesfoundation Facebook: ReesFoundation</p>
<p>Drive Forward</p> <p>Join Drive Forward Foundation at Lower Marsh Market</p>	<p>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!</p>	<p>Tuesday 29th October and Thursday 31st October</p> <p>11:00-15:00</p>	<p>Open to those wanting to support making a difference, Come by, shop, and show your support! Together, we're building brighter futures.</p>	<p>Whether you're looking for unique crafts, delicious treats, or innovative services, come along and support care leavers as they trade for the day.</p>	<p>For more information: nina@driveforwardfoundation.org #caretocareer</p>
<p>Hill Group / Care Leaver Covenant</p> <p>Careers in Construction</p>	<p>Industry experts leading a 'careers in sessions' for care leavers.</p>	<p>Tuesday 29th October</p> <p>18:00-19:00</p>	<p>Care Experienced individuals.</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>Contact Rosie@mycovenant.org.uk.</p>
<p>Cera Healthcare / Care Leaver Covenant</p> <p>Careers in Healthcare</p>	<p>Industry experts leading a 'careers in sessions' for care leavers.</p>	<p>Tuesday 29th October</p> <p>18:00-19:00</p>	<p>Care Experienced individuals.</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>Contact Rosie@mycovenant.org.uk.</p>

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<p>Drive Forward</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Tuesday 29th October</p> <p>17:00-19:30</p>	<p>Care Experienced young people aged 18-26</p>	<p>Come for the football, stay for the well-being! Let's kick off National Care Leavers Week in style</p>	<p>For more information: nina@driveforwardfoundation.org #caretocareer</p>
<p>Men's Wellness football match</p>					
<p>Coram Voice</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Wednesday 30th October</p> <p>10:30-15:30</p>	<p>Care experienced children and young people and supporting professionals.</p>	<p>This in-person event will be held in Manchester, and food and drink will be provided.</p>	<p>Eventbrite: https://shorturl.at/IsQZ6</p> <p>Email questions: ANV@coramvoice.org.uk Coram Voice social media and #Amplify2024</p>
<p>Amplify 2024</p>					
<p>Become</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Wednesday 30th October</p> <p>18:00</p>	<p>Care-experienced young people</p>	<p>Visit our website to find out more and to register for the first webinar.</p>	<p>https://shorturl.at/A9U2S</p> <p>@Become1992</p>
<p>Navigating Higher Education webinar series</p>					

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<p>G4S / Care Leaver Covenant</p> <p>Careers in Security</p>	<p>Industry experts leading a 'careers in sessions' for care leavers.</p>	<p>Wednesday 30th October</p> <p>18:00-19:00</p>	<p>Care Experienced individuals.</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>Contact Rosie@mycovenant.org.uk.</p>
<p>Drive Forward</p> <p>Drive Forward Alumni Focus group</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Wednesday 30th October</p> <p>18:30-20:00</p>	<p>Care Leavers aged 26+</p>	<p>Come for the conversation, stay for the community. Together, we can create an even stronger Drive Forward Foundation!</p>	<p>For more information: nina@driveforwardfoundation.org #caretocareer</p>
<p>All</p> <p>Light Up For Care Leavers</p>	<p>A little reminder / update that the Care Leaver Covenant and Alliance are encouraging councils, education institutions and organisations of all shapes and sizes to light up their buildings to celebrate National Care Leavers Week. Last year the London Eye, Blackpool Tower and a group of council buildings were lit up on the same evening to celebrate our young people. With a little shift in timing because of the budget announcement, we're recommending everyone lights up on 31st October 2024!</p>	<p>Thursday 31th October</p> <p>Sunset Onwards</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Light Up in white and blue (HEX #7ecde8) on the evening of Wednesday 30th October and share your images with comms@spectraconnect.co.uk #NCLW</p>	<p>comms@spectraconnect.co.uk</p>

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Metro Bank / Care Leaver Covenant	Industry experts leading a 'careers in sessions' for care leavers.	Thursday 31st October 18:00-19:00	Care Experienced individuals.	Online	Contact Rosie@mycovenant.org.uk.
Careers in Finance					
Superdrug / Savers / Care Leaver Covenant	Industry experts leading a 'careers in sessions' for care leavers.	Thursday 31st October 18:00-19:00	Care Experienced individuals.	Online	Contact Rosie@mycovenant.org.uk.
Careers in Retail					
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					

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Graduating Care Southwest / Bristol City Council	<p>Graduating Care Southwest is hosting our first event for Care Leavers and those supporting care leavers from across the southwest, to celebrate the offers and opportunities to them and launch the new GCSW app</p>	<p>Friday 1st November</p> <p>12:30-13:00</p>	<p>Care experienced young people living in the southwest and people who support them.</p>	<p>Venue: The Curious Bristol</p>	<p>Contact: Andy.Postlethwaite@bristol.gov.uk</p> <p>www.GCSW.co.uk</p>
Celebrating Care Leavers					
Barnardos	<p>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.</p>	<p>Tuesday 5th November</p> <p>14:00-16:00</p> <p>Attlee Suite, Portcullis House</p>	<p>Politicians, policy makers and other professionals interested in hearing how support for care leavers could be improved.</p>	<p>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: https://shorturl.at/EBdIr</p>	<p>For enquiries please contact public.affairs@barnardos.org.uk @barnardos</p>
Conversation with Care Leavers: Supporting journeys to independence					
NLCBF / YPBMF	<p>#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.</p>	<p>Wednesday 6th November</p> <p>10:00-15:45</p> <p>Online and in Birmingham</p>	<p>Care Experienced individuals aged 16 - 25 years with supporting professionals</p>	<p>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!</p>	<p>@ypbmf @nlcbf #AFairOfferForAll #NCLW #WeAreOne</p>
YPBMF 9th Annual Care Leavers Celebration Event					

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<p data-bbox="116 328 449 375">NLCBF / YPBMF</p> <p data-bbox="49 506 516 675">NLCBF Personal Advisor Celebration Event</p>	<p data-bbox="599 365 1216 816">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 data-bbox="1316 384 1632 487">Thursday 7th November</p> <p data-bbox="1332 562 1616 609">10:00-15:45</p> <p data-bbox="1316 684 1632 797">Online and in Birmingham</p>	<p data-bbox="1732 469 2132 703">Personal Advisors and Leaving Care Workers with some limited spaces for care experienced attendees</p>	<p data-bbox="2199 365 2748 816">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 data-bbox="2848 459 3282 722">https://leavingcare.org/membership/ nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk @ypbmf @nlcbf #AFairOfferForAll #NCLW #WeAreOne</p>
<p data-bbox="199 966 366 1013">Equans</p> <p data-bbox="49 1134 516 1425">Equans insight day with lunch. Careers in IT, Construction and customer service.</p>	<p data-bbox="616 1106 1199 1285">Discover various careers, hear from colleagues about their journey, participate in careers activities and explore our jobs!</p>	<p data-bbox="1349 1078 1599 1191">Friday 8th November</p> <p data-bbox="1332 1266 1616 1313">10:00-16:00</p>	<p data-bbox="1782 1153 2082 1238">Care experienced individuals</p>	<p data-bbox="2199 1153 2748 1238">Venue: Equans, 4th Floor, 6 Bevis Marks, London EC3A 7BA</p>	<p data-bbox="2832 1153 3282 1238">covenantsupport.uk@equans.com</p>

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NLCBF / YPBMF

Positivitree Project - plant a tree to symbolize growing and celebrating your local offer

To mark 20 Years of NLCBF, we are asking member local authorities to plant a tree symbolising: Their commitment to seeing care experienced young people grow and thrive. A commitment to growing their local offer to care experienced young people 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.'

Ongoing but perfect activity for #NCLW or National Tree Week in November!

Care experienced individuals, Leaving Care Teams, Corporate Parents (Councillors, MPs, Director of Children Services) Foster Carers, Children in Care

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.

<https://leavingcare.org/positivitree/>
 nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk
 @ypbmf @nlcbf
 #AFairOfferForAll #NCLW #Positivitree

Local Events for Care Experienced Individuals

*We want to celebrate the local events taking place
e.g. hosted by local authorities, charities etc for
their care experienced individuals.*

*This form is for local organizations and LA's to let
us know about what they are planning so that we
can amplify and celebrate your activities during
NCLW.*

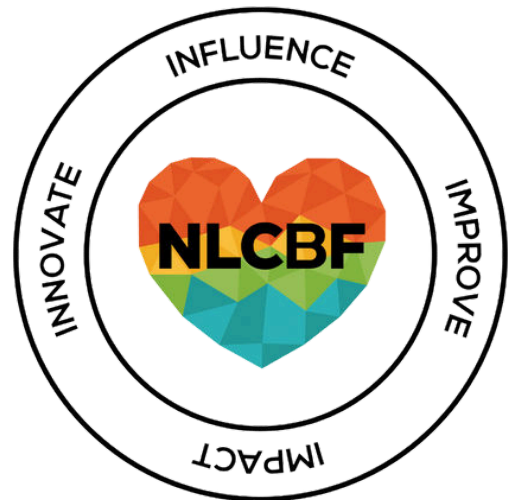
To let us know about a local event you would like the
Alliance to Celebrate please complete this form
<https://forms.office.com/e/1fAz1d8D6P> by Monday

21st October





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?

Monday 28th October to Sunday 3rd November 2024

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

nlcbf@catch-22.org.uk

