

United for Change for Care Leavers - Show and Share Application form

Page 1 – Introduction

Apply to deliver a short presentation, speech or session at our conference for care experienced individuals, professionals, decision makers and organisations

United for Change for Care Leavers – Tues 17th November @The Vox, Resort World, Birmingham

Brought to you by Catch22's **National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum (NLCBF)**, **Young People's Benchmarking Forum (YPBMF)**, **The National House Project (NHP)**, and **Care Leavers National Movement (CLNM)**, this event offers a powerful day of cross-sector collaboration. It has been shaped with care experienced people from the very start, ensuring that lived experience is front and centre. The event brings together care experienced young people, local authorities, government, charities, businesses, and representatives from public bodies to:

- Hear from care experienced young people
- Share good practice
- Commit to collective change and action

The day will be hosted by YPBMF Legends, CLNM Representatives, and our special guest co-host, award-winning broadcaster, TV presenter, author, and inspirational speaker Ashley John-Baptiste.

Show and Share - A festival of ideas and best practice to support care experienced individuals.

We want delegates to leave the event inspired and energised with a range of ideas of how support and services can change to help care experienced individuals thrive and achieve in an already challenging world made more complex by the barriers and adverse experiences they have faced and continue to try to overcome. A popular element of our events which helps individuals and organisations to go away with quick wins and big impact take aways is our show and share section of the day.

At this event the format involves 3 rooms of people, 3 stages and 9 short (10-15 minutes) presentations or speeches from individuals or organisations about campaigns, services or projects they have created and want to promote widely. We invite individuals and organisations from across the country to put themselves forward to celebrate and share the work they are doing to support care experienced individuals.

What can you gain from this?

There are a variety of benefits that care experienced individuals and organisations can gain from being involved with the Show and Share at this event. Here are a few...

- A large group of care experienced individuals, professionals, organisations and businesses hearing about your experience, ideas and solutions
- The opportunity to impact on services and organisation throughout the country
- The potential for individuals and organisations signing up to your service idea
- The potential for individuals and organisations to fund or support your service, project or campaign.

Decision process:

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- **The deadline for applications will be 11.59pm Sunday 26th July.**
- After this a panel of care experienced volunteers and professionals will meet to decide which Show and Share Sessions will be part of this years event.
- Decisions on Show and Share Sessions will be shared by Friday 7th August
- We want to allow over 3 months for presenters and organisations to prepare and make arrangements for the event.

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Page 2: Tell us about your show and share:

Our event planning group have set out a number of different themes and problems they would like the event to explore with some hot topics that they feel United for Change for Care Leavers should prioritize exploring. The following list is not exhaustive and if you have an area that is not included, please still submit an application – we are keen to hear about the gaps we may not have identified.

Some big themes...

- Raising awareness for services and society as a whole about the challenges and stigma that care experienced individuals can face as they navigate adult life and interdependence.
- Achieving a nationally standardised offer for care leaver – reducing the post code lottery of support.
- Creating a national community of support, societal change and a high standard of corporate/community parenting across sectors e.g. health, justice, housing

Some priority topics that are important to care experienced individuals right now...

- Changing the narrative/language that cares
- Improving Health and Mental health services and support
- Identity – understanding care history and accessing files and records e.g. care files, medical records.
- Access to safe and affordable homes/accommodation
- Apprenticeship Support
- University Support
- Support for care experienced individuals with disabilities
- Corporate and Community parenting – Benefits/Universal Credit support, Housing, Disability, Transport, Finance.
- Creating multi-disciplinary teams with the skills and knowledge to support and help care experienced individuals navigate the system.
- Helping care experienced individuals to plan for their future – better Pathway Plans
- Supporting diverse groups of care experienced individuals – Parents, LGBTQ+, Custody/Experience of Prisons and Youth Justice

This is not an exhaustive list of areas but we hope it helps to answer the following questions about your session.

Name of lead presenter/contact for this session:

Email address for lead presenter/contact:

Phone number for lead presenter/contact:

Name of organisation (if relevant):

Tell us a bit about you or your organisation:

Any websites and social media account – so we can find out more about your work:

What would be the title of your show and share session? – this will help us to promote your session if you are selected? (20 word limit)

Please provide a short description about your 15 minute show and share session to help the planning team decide which sessions to choose? (50 - 100 words)

Please also make us aware of any potential trigger warnings for your session i.e. sensitive topics or experiences shared. (This does not impact on your application but does help us to plan)

Which themes and topics do you think your session will cover? (copy and paste a few examples into this answer from the list above – or introduce new topics)

Page 3 Who will be delivering your session?

Our event planning group want to choose a diverse range of co-produced or care experienced delivered show and share sessions. We will prioritise Show and Share sessions which are delivered or co-delivered by care experienced individuals. But we will also consider applications from individuals or organisation who are allies of care experienced people. Please let us know who will be involved with running your session.

Some of the core funding, sponsorship and ticket revenue from the event is being used to ensure that care experienced participation runs throughout the event and application from care experienced individuals and organizations who co-design and co-deliver with care experienced individuals will be prioritised in our planning and selection process.

Show and share speakers who are care experienced will receive free spaces at the event (although we will have certain limits on numbers we aim for a free ticket to at least one care experienced person per show and share).

If you are not care experienced there will be an expectation to pay for your place at the event at a discounted price of £187.50 + vat.

This is important to the principles of the event so we would be keen to know the following:

Will your session be delivered or co-delivered by care experienced individuals?

Yes/No

What is the minimum number of free care experienced free places you require to deliver this session:

What is the maximum number of care experienced free places that you would like us to consider to deliver this session?

For presenters who are not care experienced are you able to pay for discounted event tickets priced at £187.50 + vat?

How many presenters would you like to be involved who are not care experienced?

A great way to maximise your impact at the event is to get involved in it in other ways – for example sponsoring the event (for larger organisations & businesses) or purchasing exhibition space at the event for your project, service or business.

Please let us know if you plan to be involved in the event in any of the ways below:

- I have purchased 1 or more tickets to attend already.
- I have 1 or more tickets via NLCBF or NHP membership already
- I have purchased exhibition space (which includes 2 or more tickets to the event)
- I have sponsored the event, have exhibition space and multiple tickets to the event already
- I plan to purchase tickets or exhibition space and would like more information about this

Page 4 What will the organisers of the event provide to show and share presenters at the event?

If selected for the event, we will aim to ensure that you get the most from this opportunity and have a positive experience at United for Change for Care Leavers. We will support you in the following ways:

- Provide good pre-event information – including how to get to the venue, accessibility information and the agenda for the day
- We will promote you and your service in addition to your session via social media, our event programme and website.
- We will find out about how we can support you best at the event
- We will provide online event briefings prior to the event – so you know what to expect on the day and can address any concerns

- On the day of the event we will provide a space for you to prepare yourself and briefings before your session (including covering use of microphones, presentations and any other elements of you show and share)
- If you are in Birmingham near the venue the day and evening before you will be welcome to meet us at the venue.
- If you are travelling a long distance and need to stay overnight (the night before or the night after) we can provide you with information about the best deals for accommodation near the venue and Birmingham.

To help us try to support all your needs for the event please do let us know as much as you can about the following:

What would make the event a success for you?

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Thanks for your application.

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In the meantime, please sign up for event updates and follow our social media accounts by heading to the event webpage [United for Change for Care Leavers - 17th November 2026](#)