UNITED FOR CHANGE
FOR CARE LEAVERS

UNITED FOR CHANGE 2026 | AGENDA (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

MORNING SESSIONS & SHOWCASE

09:00 – 10:00 | REGISTRATION, NETWORKING & REFRESHMENTS

10:00 – 10:20 | WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ICEBREAKERS

10:20 – 10:40 | CARE EXPERIENCED KEYNOTES (3 Rooms)

Kiyia Atkinson — Care Leavers National Movement Champion
Lucy Barnes — Barrister & Co-Founder, Lawyers Who Care
Terry Galloway — Campaigner & CEO, Norman Galloway Homes CIC
Victoria Odude — Young People's Benchmarking Forum Steering Group Representative

10:40 – 10:50 | Group Discussions

10:50 – 11:10 | CARE LEAVER & PROFESSIONAL PANEL SESSION

11:10 – 11:20 | Group Discussions

11:20 – 11:50 | Break, Networking & Refreshments

11:50 – 11:55 | CARE EXPERIENCED PERFORMANCES (3 Rooms)

Inspirational performances featuring Classic De Gale, Bailey Evatt, and Leigh Smith.

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11:55 – 13:00 | PARALLEL SHOW AND SHARE SESSIONS (3 Rooms)

9 x 10–15 min presentations across 3 rooms sharing best practice and key messages. Short breaks provided between talks to move between rooms.

ROOM 1

The Warren Youth Project & Youth Futures Foundation (Hull): **"The Recruitables"**

The Aftercare Living Archive: Building Creative Spaces Where Care-Experienced Voices Shape Change

Care Leavers Covenant: Why employer partnerships should move from one-off support to long-term, co-produced relationships

ROOM 2

Lifelong Links: 10 years of Lifelong Links, building loving supportive relationships

STAF (Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum): **Winging It, Learning and Leading:** How Care Experienced Young People Shape Systems Change in Care and Justice in Scotland

Durham Care Leavers Custody Connect Project: Developed after hearing a young person's voice at a Benchmarking Managers event regarding his time in custody

ROOM 3

Grosvenor Hart Homes: A Place to Belong: Reimagining Support for Care Leavers Through Housing and Community

Coventry City Council: Pathways Programme, a trauma-informed support programme for young people leaving care from age 15 into adulthood

Care Leavers App (Focus Gov): Improving outcomes for care experienced young people across 40+ local authorities

13:00 – 14:10 | Lunch & Exhibition Area

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AFTERNOON SESSIONS & AWARDS

14:10 – 14:20 | UNITED FOR CHANGE FOR CARE LEAVERS: AFTERNOON WELCOME

14:20 – 15:05 | IN THEIR OWN WORDS (ITOW) & CLNM PEER EVALUATION
Care Experienced Key Messages to Professionals and Corporate Parents.

15:05 – 15:15 | SPECIAL GUEST KEYNOTE
Josh MacAlister Minister for Children and Families

15:15 – 15:35 | CORPORATE PARENTS PANEL
Responding to Care Experienced Key Messages.

15:35 – 15:45 | CARE EXPERIENCED PERFORMANCES
Inspirational performances from Care to Dance and Jasmine Hagan.

15:45 – 16:10 | NLCBF & NHP AWARDS
Recognising the achievements of care experienced individuals, Local Authority Leaving Care Teams, Leaving Care Practitioners, and Partner Organisations.

16:10 – 16:15 | CLOSING EVENT — FINAL WORDS

16:15 – 16:45 | FINAL NETWORKING