



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
Hosted by Ashley John Baptiste

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
with Dame Rachel De Souza (Children's Commissioner),
Yvette Stanley (Ofsted National Director) & Matt Clayton (NLCBF Chair)
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