

**Wakefield's Children in Care Council Forward Plan: April 2015 – April 2016**  
**Overview: Making you think differently.**

**Our Purpose:**

In Wakefield, all looked after children and young people will have the opportunity to participate in decisions which affect their lives. They will have access to services which they need and the opportunity to shape how these services are planned and delivered.

**Our Vision:**

*Children in Care Council engages looked after children to be involved in making decisions, planning, and reviewing an action that might affect any child in care.*

**Children in Care Council Meetings:**

CICC Juniors ages 4 – 10 years  
Children meet in the school holidays approximately 6 times a year, to consult on the issues identified in the main CICC which are then given as feedback into the main CICC in terms of project planning.

CICC ages 11-15 years :  
Children and young people are able to put their experiences of the care system directly to those responsible for corporate parenting including the DCS and Lead Member and LAC service manager, this meeting is takes place on a monthly basis and this meeting is used to concentrate on the topics that young people want to focus on as the main areas for affecting change in the services they receive. The CICC agree their main priorities in terms of key projects in January each year, the Big Vote result is also reflected in the priorities.

16 Plus form  
Delivered in partnership with the Leaving Care Team, young people are able to work on 'themes' identified by the young people as priorities for brining positive change to leaving care services or to develop their independence skills and knowledge.

**Children in Care Council Workstreams:**

Corporate Parenting Panel & Take over day	Foster Carer Support Groups	Life Story Project and Training	Pen Portraits & moving on
The Big Vote	Regional Conferences	Foster Carer Conference	Care4Us Website
Participation & Voices Training	Celebration of Achievement Awards	Put us in the Picture Campaign	Service Improvements & Development Projects