

Update from the Participation Service

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During 2024, we have:

- connected 17 young people with free gym memberships, including those out of borough
- delivered an ‘experts by experience’ training session, run by three care-experienced young adults, for our current cohort of international Social Workers and Newly-Qualified Social Workers
- hosted three events and activities for children looked after – including our first 18+ outing exclusively for care leavers
- rolled out Transport For London’s 18-25 Care Leaver Discount to over 250 care-experienced young adults – with 31 applications currently being progressed
- begun to roll out NHS North-West London’s free prescriptions incentive to an early cohort of care-experienced young adults

On 15th February 2024, we relaunched our Care-Experienced Celebration – an annual event dedicated to recognising the incredible achievements of our children looked after.

Children and teenagers were recognised by their Social Workers for exceptional school attendance; resilience in the face of adversity; fantastic academic achievements; sporting successes; demonstrating curiosity and trying new things; and being a role model to others.

Young people were able to enjoy a silent disco, balloon-modelling, face-painting, arts and crafts, a photobooth and a wood-fired pizza van. One of our incredible care leavers photographed the event!

Care-Experienced Celebration



“I really liked being with people who were just like me, because I didn’t feel different.”



“Thank you for organising this – it was a great event. [child] really enjoyed it, as did I.”

Care-Experienced Celebration



“The pizza is my favourite part!”



Celebration of Achievement 2024



“I am going to take my balloon animals to school to show my friends!”



For Black Boys...

in conjunction with the Royal Court Theatre

“He absolutely loved it...
and he has asked to kept in the
loop about any future plays.”

“The show was FANTASTIC!”

TopGolf

“Thank you for arranging this
trip. It was beautiful.”

“Golf is something I want to
keep doing in my spare time.”



Isle of Wight

a four-night residential holiday for eighteen young people – aged 15-18

including: high-ropes courses; archery; bushcraft; orienteering; climbing; fencing; raft-building; and kayaking

London Lions

tickets to see London Lions in their season-opening basketball matches at the Copper Box Arena

Lords

an activity day at Lords – including a private tour of the grounds and an opportunity to play a game of cricket on the field

plus tickets to see Day 1 and Day 2 of Sri Lanka vs England

Care-Experienced Art Exhibition

back due to popular demand...!

exhibiting the work of our young artists, photographers, sculptors and creators – with a private view on Monday 25th November



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