

The Care Leavers National Movement



Overview

The Care Leavers National Movement (CLNM) is made up of representatives from each of the Local House Projects across the country. They provide expert advice around the lived experience of care leavers to enhance and develop the care leaver experience within the House Project and in the wider community. They are at the heart of The National House Project.

CLNM want to focus on the positive achievements of services and individuals who support young people leaving care. They recognise that many of the stories we hear about care leavers are negative – the numbers who find themselves using mental health and substance misuse services, involved in criminality or living unstable lives. CLNM want to change that narrative and use the positivity of the movement to raise expectations and inspire young people and services to aspire to be the best.

Vision

CLNM's vision is to have a platform that authentically engages young people in developing care leaving services. By empowering and supporting care leavers within House Projects to positively challenge and influence leaving care services on a local and national scale, they can improve outcomes for young people leaving care across the country.

Mission

CLNM's mission is to engage young people throughout The National House Project to capture and share stories of success, highlight system challenges and test new ideas that can benefit children leaving care.

CLNM understands that each local authority is different in its approach and believes that by bringing young people together we can share experiences and develop the good practice that already exists as well as challenge those things that don't work well.

In order to do this, we want to

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- highlight success stories from local areas to inspire, inform and influence individuals within local authorities.
- raise challenges within the system and suggest solutions to improve things.
- test new ideas that have been designed by young people.
- provide peer reviews for each Local House Project

The CLNM is chaired by a young person, supported by the Participation and Development Worker from the NHP. They meet regularly, plan their agenda carefully and work on specific topics that will have a beneficial impact for all care leavers. The CLNM is represented at each NHP Board meeting and they provide a report and agenda items for discussion. They also organise and run an event for all Local House Project young people on an annual basis.

The CLNM really is at the heart of the National House Project. They are involved in decision making at every level and contribute all their thoughts and ideas to improve things for care leavers.

CLNM are currently reviewing their website but in the meantime you can follow them on Twitter [@CLNMovement](#) or contact Rosie Blackett for more information:

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