

# CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## REFRAMING SHELDON TAPESTRY MUSEUM PROJECT

The CiCC has been working with County Arts Development, Warwick District Council and an artist from London (Orly Orbach) on a project to look at how to improve engagement of vulnerable groups within Museums Service in the county. The idea started with the Sheldon Tapestry which is at Warwick Museum in the town, go and check it out if you haven't seen it! (<http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/museum-service/collections/the-sheldon-tapestry-maps/>)

Over the last 4 months the CiCC have been developing an "installation" or "art piece" that will be shown at Warwick Museum. The CiCC have reflected upon their connections with the Warwickshire landscape via the Sheldon Tapestry. Through words, imagery and by sharing their observations and experiences young people have highlighted their experiences to multiple places at different times in their lives. This is especially significant for children in care, who often experience living in several accommodations throughout their childhood.

See below for details.....



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### NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUREAU (NCB) & A NATIONAL VOICE (ANV) REGIONAL CONFERENCE SAT 26TH SEPTEMBER 2015

At a previous NCB/ANV event organisers made a note of examples of work that they thought sounded innovative and successful. One of these was how Warwickshire held elections for and had set up a constituted CiCC group.

As part of the next NCB/ANV - Taking it to the Next Level Project Warwickshire CiCC have been asked to present on how these arrangements have worked.

Watch this space!

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The CiCC have a meeting arranged with IT to explore options for an interactive CiCC website
- The Virtual School Award Ceremony is planned for 10th November 2015 The CiCC is planning to consult children and young people on their experience of services
- 11 Million Takeover Day is on 20th November 2015

### WORK EXPERIENCE

A young care leaver completed a 4 week work experience placement over June and July with Communications & Marketing and IT.

If you know of any young people that would like to benefit from work experience do get in touch with us.



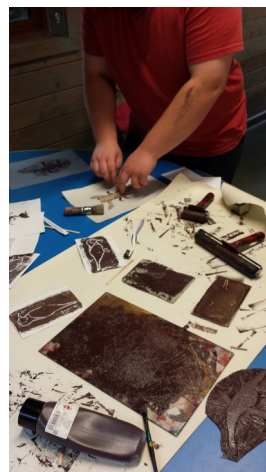
Reframing Sheldon

Celebration Event

Tuesday 15th September 2015

From 6.30—8.30pm

Market Hall Museum Warwick



### PARTICIPATION ACTION PLAN

Over the last 6 months the CiCC has collected and collated information from local consultations and surveys. This information was pulled into a report and has now been made into an action plan.

Different services are responsible for different actions. The Corporate Parenting Panel (a group of 6 councillors) will monitor how this plan is progressing.

We are hoping that these changes happen which will then help make things better for children and young people in care with Warwickshire.

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cicc>

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### TIFFIN CLUB

The Tiffin Club is holding its AGM on Tues 5th October, from 1-4pm at Saltisford. The Tiffin club had invited the CiCC and will report on support that it has provided to children and young people in the care of Warwickshire.

### TRAINING , RECRUITMENT & OTHER STUFF

CiCC members and other children and young people who are looked after have been getting involved in the recruitment of staff at all levels. The feedback where young people have been involved has been very good.

Similarly, young people have been taking part in training events by sharing their experiences of being in care directly with practitioners.

We would be interested to know of more young people that wish to take part in training, recruitment and OTHER activities and events. Call us.



### E-LEARNING CORPORATE

#### PARENTING TRAINING

The Corporate Parenting module is an e-learning training module aimed at all staff. Through completing this module you will understand what Corporate Parenting is, why it's needed and what a foster carer does. You will also understand what young peoples' expectations are of a Corporate Parent, the responsibilities of a Corporate Parent and what you can do to become a better Corporate Parent.

It should take you around 25 minutes to complete this module.

The training is being developed and will be available in the coming months.

### State of the Nation Report 1: Children in Care and Care Leavers - England

The Children's Commissioner for England has published its first State of the Nation report, which focuses on the experiences of children in care and care leavers. The report is based on an online survey which 2936 children started and 1667 children completed. It found that many children are having a good experience of care but a significant number of young people are not getting the care they need, e.g.:

- Just over 50% of children did not understand why they came into care
- Only 46% knew how to get an advocate
- One third did not think they left care at the best time



The Commissioner Anna Longfield is arguing that:

- support for all care leavers should be extended up to 25 years of age.
- children's views need to be sought and these need to influence decisions made about them.
- every child in care needs at least one consistent continuing relationship throughout their time in care and into adulthood.
- services should enable children to keep their social worker for longer throughout their time in care.
- every child in care should have access to high quality therapeutic services.

The full report is available on the Children's Commissioner website.

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/Care%20monitor%20v12.pdf>

#### Have you worked out the role and purpose of the CiCC yet?

Click on the link. Below. This simple animation tries to explain what we do.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=KBQTQoyBYvo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=KBQTQoyBYvo)

Please circulate this newsletter to any staff that you feel would benefit from knowing that we exist!

More importantly, you could also forward a copy to children and young people in the care of Warwickshire that you work with. We are sure that Foster Carers would welcome a copy too!

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