



Welcome to the South Lanarkshire Champions Board Newsletter!

These newsletters will keep you, our care experienced family up to date with all things #SouthLanChamps and how you can get involved to make sure South Lanarkshire #KeepThePromise

In this issue we will share with you the exciting news and fun we had over Summer, covering from October to December.











ITS CHRISTMASSSII News that South Lanarkshire Council have committed to providing support for our throughcare young people in South Lanarkshire over Christmas. They have given a whooping £40,000 to help our young people through what can be a difficult time of year. We are extremely excited to help the ones in need of it most. In the next issue we will be able to share the impact this funding will have for our care family.





### SHOWCASE EVEN1

Also during care week Lanarkshire had their Showcase Event hosted by North Lanarkshire. Both North and South had the chance



to show off some amazing pieces of work from the young people some with staff and other pieces they had done on their own. It was a fantastic night connecting North and South Lanarkshire together. One of North Lanarkshire Champions Board Members, TNT also sang at the event which was a lovely touch. Great



feedback from everyone who attended from little ones to corporate parents.



During the NHS Lanarkshire Promise Board meeting the Duty Chief Executive heard an update from both North & South Lanarkshire about the work & fun stuff carried out in Lanarkshire and was very impressed, his exact words were..

> "Well done North and South. Outstanding, some of the best work I have seen in the field"



Absolutely amazing for both teams to hear to round off a years work.

### Corporate Parenting Event

During Care Experienced Week in October we held our first corporate parenting event since covid. It was a great success we had over 150 corporate parents from all different resources and organisations. We had guest speakers from The Promise Scotland and from Scottish Government. We also heard from the 2 girls from South Lanarkshire who got the fantastic opportunity to attend Harvard University over summer '22 thanks to South Lanarkshire Council and NHSL, they had such a positive impact on everyone in the room sharing their experience with pictures and memories. The throughcare team also shared the exciting news on the Hub everyone has been waiting what feels like a lifetime for, more news on this to follow in the next issue!! 🊧 Also at the event we used a huge chunk of

Also at the event we used a huge chunk of the day to get corporate parents opinions and feedback on our plan, The Champs plan. This looks at key areas for The Champs team must priorities to Keeping The Promise in South Lanarkshire. We also heard from each resource service and shared good working practise but also areas for improvement for their own teams but also corporate parents as a whole.

It was clear from the feedback from everyone who attended the event it had a huge positive impact on all and gave them some food for thought to leave with on the day. The team are now planning a similar event for the care experienced young people for the start of next year.



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### **THE RAINBOW FRIENDS**

The Rainbow Friends have been meeting fortnightly and doing arts and crafts, playing games and getting full use of the wee park at the place our groups are held but the best group meeting yet has to be our end of Christmas Party - all receiving a gift and a visit from a special person.. SANTAAA The kids all had a great time and of course we did as well, who doesn't love a love a little bit of dress up to get right into the Christmas spirit.





Who Cares? Scotland also held there

#### LOVE RALLY & TIME TO SHINE



annual Love Rally & Time to Shine, both national events. The Love Rally is a march for lifelong of love for care experienced people starting from Glasgow Green through the streets of Glasgow to George Square. Time to Shine is to celebrate Care Experienced Week and this years theme was Outer Space at swg3 in Glasgow. Young people from South Lanarkshire attended events and we heard they were both a lot of fun.



**GROUP NEWS** The Rainbow Friends are taking a short break till the new year but we are super excited to see everyone in the new year and hear all about their Christmas.

The 16+ group will be starting back up mid February and we are making plans for the groups between The Rainbow Friends and 16+ groups. Dates and info on these groups to come in the new year.

From your Promise Development Team and South Lanarkshire Team at WhoCares?Scotland we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year - we are looking forward to seeing

and working with everyone in the NewYears.







#### Hey all, we are the South Lanarkshire Promise Development team. If you need any help, information, a gab or to get involved with the Champs we are here and happy to support with this. Below is our friendly faces and contact details to get in touch.

## **Get Involved!**



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