**August events for I Promise – Inverclyde**

During August our Proud2Care young people hosted an event with the Children and Young person’s minister, Clare Haughey, our panel community and Social Workers here in Inverclyde. Our inspiring Proud2Care young people led the engaging day and used the opportunity to launch their Language Matters film challenging the stigma of language used in their care, and together we all explored what The Promise can look like for Inverclyde.

Our young people asked their adults in attendance to show their commitment to Inverclyde’s Pledges by placing a handprint onto Inverclyde’s Stop Go Pledges created together with our care experienced community. It is hoped that this will be displayed as a piece of artwork and as a reminder to the commitment of keeping the promise to our Care Experienced community in Inverclyde.

We want our community to be a place where our care experienced children, young people and their families are supported and are proud of themselves, their achievements and look forward to a future of opportunity, equality and equity. We worked on our Jargon Buster and the 5 foundations of the Promise and actions required by everyone.

**A great day was had and our young people, as always, shined like the stars they are.**

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**Another event in August**

The I Promise team along with Children’s Rights Officer and Proud2Care held our I Promise in the Park event with over 350 people attending to raise awareness of the I Promise. This was the article in the local Greenock Telegraph. We had lots of discussion with families regarding the aim of I Promise and how this is a response to the Independent Care Review. One of young people spoke about living within a children’s house and this being her home and it should not be referred to as a unit.

