







# SUPPORTING LONDON'S CARE LEAVERS

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We use this space to help develop a 'community parenting' approach, bringing together the wide range of partners who support care experienced young people in London. We share news, great practice, and look to spark new initiatives to support our care experienced community.

The Newsletter is produced bimonthly by the London Innovation and Improvement Alliance (LIIA), working closely with the London Children in Care Council and the regional Care Leavers Trust Board. We welcome your comments, feedback and news items.



To find out more about regional work to support Care Leavers in London, please visit the LIIA Care Leavers website page <a href="here">here</a>.

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## HEARING YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICES AT THE GENERAL ELECTION



It is vitally important that young people's voices are heard in the upcoming general election. Care experienced young people may need support to be able to exercise their democratic rights. **Please follow this link** to access Partnership for Young London's (PYL) voter ID and registration pack and note that the deadline to register to vote in the general election is **Tuesday 18th June.** 





PYL have also produced a Young Londoners Election Manifesto, bringing together voices from young people, and those supporting them, from across the capital. You/your organisation can sign up to support the manifesto by **clicking here.** 

Click here to read the manifesto



### YOUNG PEOPLE INTERVIEWED BY CYP NOW ABOUT THEIR WORK ON THE PAN LONDON CARE LEAVERS COMPACT

Young people from London's Children in Care Council talk about their work to develop the Pan London Care Leavers Compact



Click here to read the article





The ICAN (Initiating and Supporting Care Leavers into Apprenticeships in Nursing) is an innovative collaboration between the South West London Integrated Care System and Roehampton university to support care experienced young people into careers within the health sector.

It is open to care experienced young people from across London who can travel to Roehampton and young people are paid for their participation in the two week course. There is a taster day on 19th June, and the next course starts on 3rd July.

#### **I**\*CAN KICKSTART YOUR **EALTHCARE** WITH THE I-CAN PROGRAMME. Are you a care leaver (any adult who has spent time in local authority care or foster care) 18 and over? Would you like to consider a career in healthcare? WHAT IS I-CAN? Through this fully funded programme, you will The Initiating and Supporting Care Leavers into gain unique insights into the NHS and wider Apprenticeships in Nursing (I-CAN) programme healthcare sector, boost your employability is a compulsory eight-week training initiative through guided support and training, and designed to equip you with essential skills discover exciting new opportunities for career needed to pursue a career in the health sector. progression in healthcare. Travel costs are The I-CAN programme aims to match talented covered. care experienced people with acute workforce Learners completing the programme with 100% shortages. It is designed to address gaps attendance get access to financial support in our care system, and support equality of worth up to £2,000. opportunity for all. Scan this code for more information about our next programme.

Please see contact details in the flyer to find out more





#### ABIANDA'S ELEVATE PROGRAMME



**Abianda**, a social enterprise working with young women who are affected by, or are at risk of, criminal exploitation and violence, have designed a CPD-accredited skills development programme, **Elevate**.

Young women will have the opportunity to earn CPD accreditation (Level 1) in Leadership and to take part in group work, group discussions, and be supported to deliver individual presentations.

#### Elevate is for young women\*:

- 18-25 years old
- London-based
- Not in Education, Training or Employment (ETE)
- Have experience of the care system, criminal and youth justice systems, homelessness or navigating statutory services, such as social services and policing\*\*
- \*Non-binary people are welcome to apply if they believe that they have lived experience that is aligned with women and girls.
- \*\* Please be assured that young women will never be asked to talk about their past and/or difficult experiences in the group space

If you are a professional or an organisation working with young women and would like to discuss the possibility of Elevate being delivered in your setting, or with young women you work with, please contact the Participation team <a href="mailto:pation@abianda.com">participation@abianda.com</a>.

Elevate is a funded programme and will not incur costs to young women who participate. There is also no cost to organisations who partner with us and we will discuss possible options for delivery when you get in touch.

#### CARE LEAVERS COVENANT NEWSLETTER

The Care Leavers Covenant is a national inclusion programme supporting care leavers aged 16-25. They develop and host a wide range of offers and opportunities for care experienced young people.

They have launched a newsletter, which will help organisations and young people keep track of their work and offers. Here is a QR code where you can sign up to their distribution list, and a link to the latest edition of the newsletter. We'd encourage everyone to sign up!!





#### **GET IN TOUCH**

Please visit our website: <u>liia.london</u> for more detailed information on each of the ALDCS priorities, or contact the team directly to discuss anything in greater detail.

Please let us know your feedback on this newsletter <u>via email</u> so we can keep improving future editions.

#### THANKS FOR READING!

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