



Redbridge Care Leaver Covenant Consortium



Partnership Progress
Conference



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Opening Words



John Anthony

Operational Director of Children and
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Recap from our Roundtable Event on 14 May 2024



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What is the Care Leaver Covenant?

We work with more than 500 organisations across the country to
connect care leavers with exclusive opportunities.



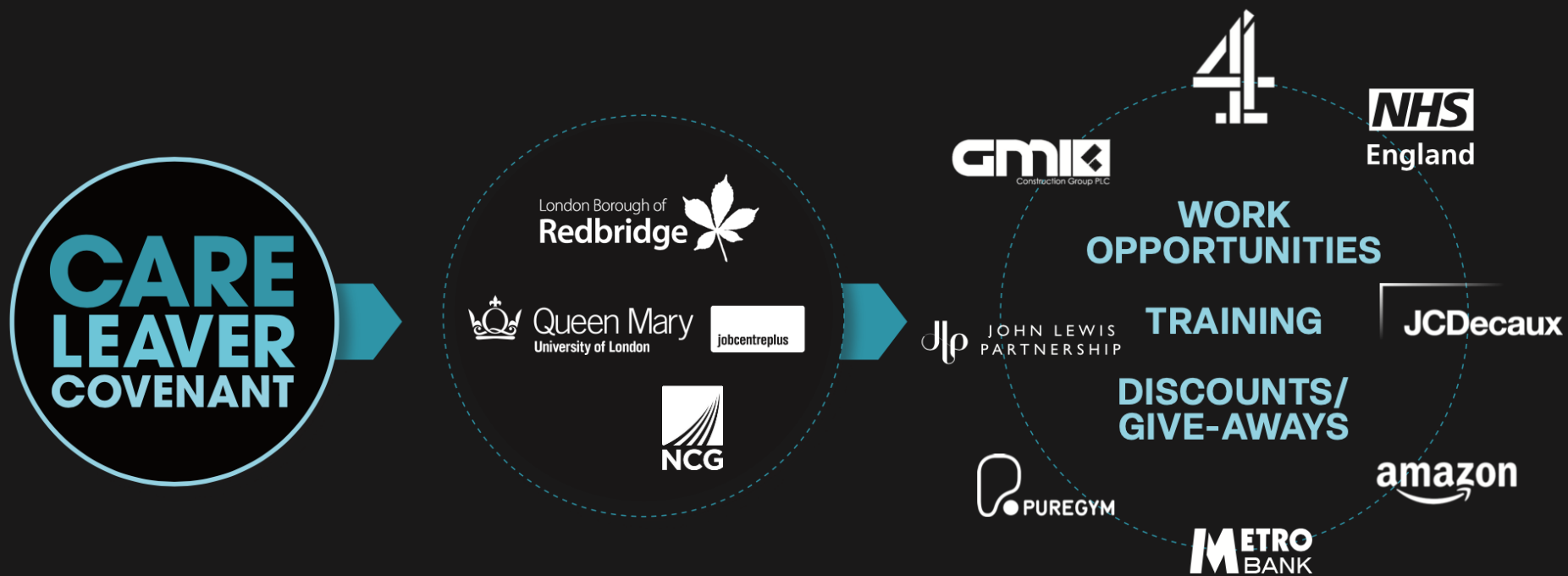


OUR 250 SIGNATORIES HAVE CREATED OFFERS INCLUDING:
PRO-BONO LEGAL AID, EMPLOYABILITY TRAINING, FREE COUNSELLING,
TAILORED BANKING PROCESSES AND MORE.

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The **Universal Family** is a community response to a young person's aspirations, championed by their **local authority**.





We have five core outcomes

YOUR HOME

Care leavers are better prepared to live independently.

YOUR EDUCATION

Care leavers can continue to grow and thrive.

YOUR WORK

Care leavers have improved access to opportunities.

YOUR WELLBEING

Care leavers have improved access to health & emotional support.

YOUR MONEY

Care leavers are financially capable and independent.



Our progress since May 2024

Scoping (April
2023)

Roundtable
(May 2024)

Progress
Conference
(today)



LBR Care Leavers' Asks of Redbridge Council (April 2023)



Theme		Care Leavers' Asks
1) Education, Employment, Training and Skills	1	Set up a dedicated council work experience programme for care leavers
	2	Set up an in-council mentoring service between council officers and care-experienced young people
	3	Set up bespoke graduate pathways/ apprenticeships for care leavers in the council
2) Mobility	4	Support care leavers to get their provisional driving license, pay for their theory test and 10 driving lessons
	5	Implement free bus travel passes for care leavers' in-borough journeys
3) Housing and Space	6	Promote digital intelligence through providing free devices and data banks to care leavers
	7	Establish a Young Inspectors' Scheme to check council properties offered to care leavers
	8	Establish a Single Point of Contact in Housing for care leavers
	9	Set up a Care Leavers' Hub (a 'home away from home' and place to meet up with friends and professionals)
4) Leisure and Culture	10	Offer free gym passes and leisure and culture access for care leavers

9 Asks – Update for December 2024



Theme		Care Leavers' Asks
1) Education, Employment, Training and Skills	1	<u>LBR Work Experience Policy for Care Leavers</u>
	2	Mentoring Scheme paused due to lack of capacity Redbridge Care Leaver Covenant Mentoring Consortium – TBC
	3	<u>LBR Care Leaver Internship Policy</u>
2) Mobility	4	Driving lessons available through <u>Getting around</u> section of the <u>Enhanced Local Offer</u>
	5	<u>Fare Deal for Care Leavers</u> – half price bus and tram travel for care leavers in London
3) Housing and Space	6	6 months of free data available through <u>Vision RCL (Good Things Foundation)</u> . 10 phones donated via IT and data-loaded SIM cards received
	7	Young Inspectors' framework developed alongside Housing Management colleagues. Care leavers to engage through mainstream housing channels
	8	Housing Single Point of Contact identified.
	9	Care Leaver Hub at Redbridge Institute, Gants Hill
4) Leisure and Culture	10	Vision RCL free gym, swim and leisure passes for care leavers up to the age of 21





Vision RCL

Free gym, swim and cycle for care leavers up to age 21





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London Borough of
Redbridge 

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Care Leavers' Hub

Ongoing work from MEARS



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Ongoing work from Equans



London Borough of Redbridge – Care Leavers Hub Renovation

In line with Equans social value initiative, we worked to deliver a request for renovation by the London Borough of Redbridge for their newly established Care Leavers Hub. As the nature of this project was urgent, we had a short timeframe, but successfully completed the renovation by September. This accomplishment demonstrates Equans' commitment to contributing positively to the local community and achieving the goals set by the London Borough of Redbridge.

The Redbridge Council Leaving Care team are opening a brand new hub in the coming weeks for Redbridge care leavers, this is in a former classroom at the Redbridge Institute in Gants Hill.

The purpose of the hub is to be an informal environment used for a range of activities, this will include workshops focused on tasks that effect care leavers everyday lives, such as household maintenance etc. The aim is to make the hub a safe and intimate space to be used by care leavers and their advisors, or just a place to socialise and access leisure based activities such as movie nights.

Polly Moona, Equans resident liaison officer, received a last minute request from the client asking if we could turnaround a renovation in a short timeframe. The project involved painting an entire room and replacing an outdated kitchenette. Polly collaborated with a local building firm, and despite the tight deadline, the work was successfully completed within seven days. Through effective planning and organization, we delivered a clean and refreshed space.

Although budget constraints prevented us from replacing the flooring, a thorough steam clean significantly improved the condition of both the carpet and lino floor tiles. The workforce took great care of protecting the windows, flooring and all working areas.



Community Hub - after, with Polly Moona



Community Hub - before

Window protection

Floor protection

'This was something I had not done for a long time, and I was eager to anticipate the challenges of meeting a deadline. I am pleased to say that we have exceeded our expectations!'

Polly Moona,
Resident Liaison Officer, Equans



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Ongoing work from Mulalley



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This week [Mulalley](#) have been supporting another care leaver on behalf of our client the [London Borough of Redbridge](#). The care leaver had been suffering from a local ASB issue and did not feel safe as her garden wall was very low.

Redbridge's leaving care team approached [Mulalley](#) to see if we could support, as a member of the [Care Leaver Covenant](#) we provide regular support to Care Leavers via our Mulalley Cares Programme.

We met with the care leaver and advised what we could provide within our Mulalley Cares programme and she was happy with our suggestion. Three weeks later we returned with one of our handymen to install the panels.

Mulalley are currently working on behalf of the London Borough of Redbridge, with these local jobs forming part of our wider social value activities.

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This week [Mulalley](#) have been supporting another care leaver in the [London Borough of Redbridge](#).

As part of our "Mulalley Cares" initiative, we provide redecoration or handyman support with a £120 to spend on household items for care leavers moving into their first home.

We recently recieved a referral from the leaving care team at Redbridge for a care leaver who was looking for support purchasing and installing blinds in their new home. Mulalley visited their property to measure up and order some new blinds, providing £120 to cover the costs for the largest windows.

Once the blinds were delivered our Site Manager Malcolm arranged a suitable time and date to pop round and install all the blinds.

The happy resident commented "Thank you so much for all your help, the blinds look great and I'm really happy with them".



Leaving Care Summer BBQ Partners





To build on this progress, what else can we do?

- Create paid jobs and work experience for care leavers – could you give a care leaver a chance to add to their CV?
- Offer mentoring – could you support a young person to achieve their personal or professional goals and be an extra soundboard in their network?
- Donate one-off items – could you give any laptops, phones, fund some driving lessons, or buy something for our hub?
- Offer a care leaver discount – could you give care leavers a concession or a free pass to an event?
- Support young people moving into their first home – could you help with moving, painting and decorating, and setting up?





Breakout Session

10 minutes of discussing prompt questions:

1. What else can we do as community parents?
2. How can we encourage our community networks to do their bit too?

(Please could one person per group take some brief notes to share with us afterwards!)





Feedback from Breakout Session

What else can we do as community parents?

How can we encourage our community networks to do their bit too?





Next Steps

Leaving Care contacts:

- Veronica.Cools@redbridge.gov.uk (Christmas donations)
- Leticia.Imani-Herbert@redbridge.gov.uk (Hub wish list)

Social Value contact:

- Gary.Dursley@redbridge.gov.uk

Children in Care Council contact:

- Chi.Doan@redbridge.gov.uk

Next opportunity: Leaving Care Summer BBQ, August 2025

