



# 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 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 [here](#).

## THIS MONTH

- London Young People and the Care Leaver Trust Board meet Minister Daby
- A Briefing Session on the Pan London Offer for Care Leavers
- Practice Spotlight – Identifying great practice to support care leavers

# LONDON YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE CARE LEAVER TRUST BOARD MEET MINISTER DABY

Members of the London Care Leavers Trust Board were delighted to meet earlier this year with Minister Daby, the government Minister for Children and Families, to discuss the Pan London Care Leavers Compact and the government's national ambition for care leavers.

Young people highlighted to the Minister the need to collaborate across all services to ensure we are ambitious for young people with care experience.



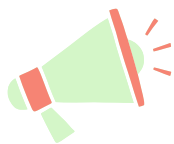
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The group discussed the enormous potential stemming from upcoming legislation to extend corporate parenting responsibilities to all government departments and relevant public bodies.

A key area of focus was the 'fit' between London and national programmes, with examples of how national positions on key areas such as mental health support, travel costs, and utilities and council tax bills could transform young lives. We are looking forward to continuing to work closely with the Minister and her office.

“*I recently had the chance to meet Janet Daby, the Minister for Children and Families. Even though she came straight from another meeting, she was polite, attentive, and fully invested in what everyone had to say. The meeting was all about care leavers and the challenges they face, like homelessness, being NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training), and issues tied to the criminal justice system. Janet didn't shy away from recognising challenges like a 'postcode lottery' in London, pointing out how local offers differ depending on where you live.*

*One thing that stood out was her suggestion to create an app specifically for care leavers. The idea is that it would provide tailored information, support and resources, helping Care Leavers navigate things more consistently across the city and nationwide. This aligns up with the goals of the Children and Wellbeing Bill, which focuses on making life better for children in care and those leaving it.*” - Chenel Singh from the London Children in Care Council



# A BRIEFING SESSION ON THE PAN LONDON OFFER FOR CARE LEAVERS



A Briefing Session on the Pan London Offer for Care Leavers will take place ONLINE on Monday July 7th 2025, 10:00-11:30. This session is facilitated by **London Innovation and Improvement Alliance, Partnership for Young London, The GLA and The Care Leavers Covenant**.

The focus will be on sharing the work taking place across London to support care leavers, highlighting the wide range of support offers that are available. In addition to the offers provided through the Pan London Compact, the Care Leavers Covenant hosts a range of offers that we want to ensure are circulated widely across the region. This session is targeted at **Personal Advisors** and **Participation Workers**. We will also use the session to hear from you about the best ways of communicating resources and offers in future.

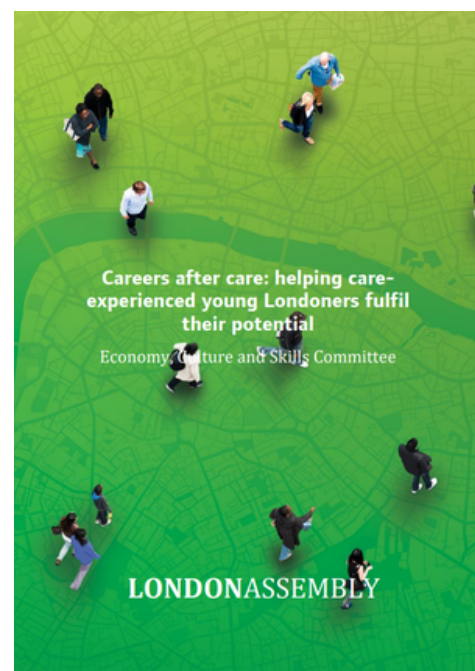
**[Please book your place here.](#)**

## The agenda:

- **National Care Leavers Policy Context** – Mark Riddell, National Implementation Advisor for Care Leavers DfE
- **Pan London Compact Update** – Matthew Raleigh, London Innovation, and Improvement Alliance
- **Care Leavers Covenant** Bethany Caunter, Rosie Blackett, Care Leavers Covenant
- **Pan London Children in Care Council** – Your Vote, Your Voice Louisa Foyle
- **NNECL personal advisor training overview and local authority toolkit** – Denise Rawls, NNECL
- **Practice Spotlight on Supporting Care Leavers**

Please also see the London Assembly report that was published last month on helping care experienced young Londoners reach their potential [Careers after care: helping care-experienced young Londoners fulfil their potential](#) | [London City Hall](#)

**[Read the full report here](#)**




# PRACTICE SPOTLIGHT – IDENTIFYING GREAT PRACTICE TO SUPPORT CARE LEAVERS



London's Directors of Children's Services and Practice Leaders asked LIIA earlier this year to identify innovative and impactful practice models within the sector. This provided both an opportunity to recognise great practice (and people), but also to share and grow approaches that are working, often in difficult circumstances.

We were thrilled to get lots of submissions in the care leaver support category, covering key issues such as participation, housing, ETE, and mental health (amongst others). We'd encourage all newsletter readers to have a look – the introduction to the care leaver section will help direct you towards the topics/LA's you are interested in.

**LONDON CHILDREN'S SERVICES PRACTICE SPOTLIGHT**



**WELCOME** – Practice Spotlight shines a light on London Children's Services most innovative and impactful practice that is transforming the lives of children and families. It is this motivation that binds us together and cements our connection to one another and the children, young people and families we serve.

**EXPLORE** – More than 100 examples of practice were submitted across 9 categories by London's Local Authorities who shared their work that is making the biggest difference to children and families.

► Background to Practice Spotlight

1. Racial equity	2. Impact for children with special educational needs and disabilities	3. Building safety for young Londoners
4. Supporting and strengthening the workforce	5. Delivering excellence for care leavers	6. Improving outcomes for children with complex needs who are in care or on the edge of care

**Read the submissions here** 

## New areas of regional work to support care experienced young people.

There are several new initiatives under development to support London's care experienced young people. We will be sharing more information in due course on the following:

**A London LA Family Business Model** – Sponsored by Matthew Blood, Virtual School Head in Islington, and endorsed by London's Directors of Children's Services London LA's will work together to develop their internal and partner ETE opportunities for care experienced young people.

**Reducing Criminalisation of London's Care Leavers** – Work is shortly due to be completed on a revision of MOPAC's Reducing Criminalisation of Looked after Children and Care Leavers Protocol. The protocol revision significantly strengthens the shared ambition to reduce the criminalisation of care experienced young adults. It identifies multiple opportunities for partnership working to deliver against this and we are currently building the framework to ensure that this happens.

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