



Welcome to the Children in Care Council



CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Your Rights and Entitlements

As a child in care or a young person who has left care you have important rights and these should be met by your Corporate Parent, the City of London Corporation. We want you to know your rights and the services you should expect to receive. You can find out more about these by looking at our website [Children in Care Council \(CiCC\) - City of London Family Information Service](#).

To help make sure we are providing the best services for our children we have our Children in Care Council, which is an important group that helps make sure services are doing their best for all our children and young people.

What is the Children in Care Council?

The City of London Children in Care Council (CiCC) is a group for all children and young people who are currently looked after or have previously been looked after by the City Corporation.

We meet throughout the year to hear your views on the services you receive, to make suggestions to make services better, and get involved in making changes and improvements. Your voice matters and it is important we know what you need and want from your services, so we can give you the best opportunities in life as your Corporate Parent.

What does the Children in Care Council do?

We want to work with the children and young people that use our services to hear what works well, and what we need to do better or differently. Your views and experiences can help shape our policies and procedures which help us make decisions, and you can tell us how you would like services to be delivered to you. This can be at a City of London level, more widely across London and even across England.

Children in Care Council Meetings

You can come to meetings to do this, where you'll have the opportunity to meet with Senior Managers, Lead Members, the Town Clerk (the Chief Executive Officer of the City Corporation), and anyone else you'd like to speak to. So, you can share your experiences and wishes for the future and get the support you need to achieve your ambitions.

Through the Children in Care Council, you will also get opportunities to be part of bigger networks and groups such as the London Children in Care Council, and the Youth Parliament.

Support to attend Children in Care Council meetings

Most of the Children in Care Council meetings are held at the Guildhall in the City of London ([How to find us](#)). If you need help getting to the venue or with travel costs please speak with the participation worker by emailing participation@cityoflondon.gov.uk or via the [CiCC WhatsApp Group Chat](#).

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We will make sure that we provide food and drinks at meetings, so you don't need to worry about missing any meals. We will try to hold meetings at times that suit most people, although we won't always be able to do this for everyone.

Sharing your views

If you don't want to attend a meeting we would still like to hear your views and might ask you to take part in surveys, or to try out new systems, or feel free to just share any thoughts you have on things that are important to you by emailing participation@cityoflondon.gov.uk or via the [CiCC WhatsApp Group Chat](#).

Reward for your time and contribution

We recognise that your time is valuable, and that sharing your experiences with us and hopes for the future isn't always easy, and we are lucky that you want to work with us to improve your services. Therefore, when you attend a Children in Care Council meeting, or take part in a consultation event, or specific piece of work, we will recognise and thank you for this by providing you with a £20 online voucher. You will always be told beforehand which activities you will earn a voucher for.

Taking part and having fun

Participating with the Children in Care Council is more than just meetings and sharing your views. Throughout the year we run lots of activities that are about having fun, getting to know new people, or keeping in touch with those you've met before, trying new things, learning new skills, and having different experiences. We have done many different activities across London and outside including go karting, bowling, horse riding, Go Ape, visiting Universities, theatre trips, residential trips, cookery lessons, and much more!

To find out more about our activities visit [Children in Care Council \(CiCC\) - City of London Family Information Service](#), speak with your social worker or keyworker, email participation@cityoflondon.gov.uk or ask to join our [CiCC WhatsApp Group Chat](#).

You don't need to attend CiCC meetings to attend the activities we hold; everyone is very welcome 😊.

We look forward to seeing you soon and welcoming you to the CiCC!