

# Corporate Parenting Newsletter

## **Our Promises to Children and Young People in Care and Care Leavers**

Bury Council and Partners promise to care and support children and young people in their care as they would their own children.

What this means is set out in **Our Promise to Children and Young People in Care** and the **Care leavers Charter**. Responsibility for meeting the promises rests with all Council Members and officers of the Council and partner agencies (set out in Children & Social Work Act 2017) and is monitored by Corporate Parenting Board in consultation with the Children in Care Council and Care Leavers Forum.

**Bury Corporate Parenting Strategy 2017-2020** is an important document which details how Bury Council, the health service and all our partners, will act as responsible parents to children and young people in care, as well as those who have left our care and are entitled to our support. Find all this information at [www.bury.gov.uk/childrenincare](http://www.bury.gov.uk/childrenincare)

### **Council News: New appointments:**

- Councillor Rhyse Cathcart has been appointed as the new the Chair of Bury Corporate Parenting Board
- Tony Decrop, has been appointed as the permanent Assistant Director (Social Care and Safeguarding)
- Julien Kramer is the new Interim Assistant Director of Education

Councillor Rhyse Cathcart  
Chair of Bury Corporate  
Parenting Board



## **Corporate Parenting Week in Bury**

Corporate Parenting Awareness Week 2019 will commence on 18<sup>th</sup> November. The aim is to raise awareness and understanding across Bury Council Employees, Councillors and partners of their responsibility and role as a corporate parent. Look out for more information on the events taking place during the week

### **End of March 2019 figures:**

Children and Young People in Care – 335  
Care leavers accessing CL services - 132

## **Children in Care Council Film - Working with Bury College**

Recently our young people have been meeting and putting ideas together to create a new up to date film/short movie about being in care. The young people decided that it would be great if the students studying media/film at Bury College could assist with the project. The young people had a session at Bury College where they watched the original film that was recorded in 2011 and discussed how they could make the updated film better.

Sessions have been planned where the Children in Care Council will attend Bury College and work on the film alongside the students. The DVD will show what it is like for young people being in care, but it will also highlight what support is available to young people and also make them aware of their entitlements. The final version of the film will be available on DVD and made available for all children and young people in care.



You could make an incredible difference to a child's life by fostering in Bury. If you have a spare room you could offer Supported Lodgings to a Care Leaver. To find out more phone 08009555311 or email [fosterwithbury@bury.gov.uk](mailto:fosterwithbury@bury.gov.uk)

## TRAINING NEWS:

Corporate parents can access online training with **the Bury Safeguarding Childrens Board (BSCB)**. Please follow the links for more information on the courses available:

<http://coursesburyscbglobal.net/AvailableCoursesList.asp>

<http://www.safeguardingburycchildren.org/>

## Corporate Parenting online learning

An E-learning module is now available on the Bury E-learning Platform. Bury Council staff can access it at:

[https://buryc.melearning.universit.y/course\\_centre](https://buryc.melearning.universit.y/course_centre)

The learning package is free to other Corporate Parents (NHS or partner agencies) who wish to access the training contact Jacqui at [j.waite@bury.gov.uk](mailto:j.waite@bury.gov.uk)

## Children's Trust Lunchtime Learning

Sessions are held monthly on a range of topics. The session on 11th July is on the Care Leaver Offer and Corporate Parenting. Sessions are held at The New Kershaw Centre, 12-1pm. Open to all. Booking and more information on the programme via email at [childrenstrust@bury.gov.uk](mailto:childrenstrust@bury.gov.uk)

**Total Respect Training** is a one day course which is delivered by care experienced young people. The aim of the training is to give professionals and corporate parents a greater understanding of what it is like to be a young person in care and to make sure that a young person's views, wishes and feelings are central. To book a place contact Mike Nichols: [m.nichols@bury.gov.uk](mailto:m.nichols@bury.gov.uk)

## Fostering News

The Foster Carer Ambassadors scheme was launched on 14<sup>th</sup> February at the Mayor's Parlour. The Ambassadors have been busy since the launch raising awareness of Fostering and engaging with community events to help recruit more foster carers. The team has seen a consistent increase in enquiries and some have progressed onto Skills to Foster training. We are hopeful these first households will be presented to panel in the Autumn.

Engagement and events have taken place at Nationwide Bank, Tesco, Costa Coffee, Morrisons, Prestwich Artisan Markets, Prestwich Clough Day, Radcliffe Market, libraries, community halls, East Lancs Railways, Bury Pride and the Health & Wellbeing event at Castle Leisure Centre. We've also appeared on Community Corner on Roch Valley Radio during Foster Care Fortnight to raise awareness of Fostering with Bury. The Ambassadors have a variety of events planned over the summer months – please "follow us" on Facebook to keep up to date with our forthcoming events.

Our Marketing Team have promoted Foster with Bury through a variety of methods including a bus rear advertisement, promotional advertising boards at Bury Football Club, Radcliffe Carnival and several sponsored posts on Facebook. We also ran an "Easter Egg" competition on Facebook to try and reach more people who we could engage with online. The competition was a success and saw an increase in our "followers" and "page likes".

Follow us at [www.facebook.com/fosterwithbury](http://www.facebook.com/fosterwithbury)



### Media City Trip/Lunch – Manchester

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, young people from CICC went on a trip to Media City in Salford and went on a tour of the BBC Studios at Media City. This was a reward trip for all the young people's efforts. Before the tour the young people went to Bella Italia in the Lowy. They enjoyed a nice lunch of dough swirls, pizza's and chips followed by a stroll over to Media City. The young people were met by the tour guide who gave a brief 5 minute introductory talk before it began. The BBC Tour offers visitors the chance to gain access into the fascinating world of broadcasting.

The young people visited various different studios such as Match of the Day, Blue Peter, BBC News and Weather and BBC Breakfast where they got the chance to present the news and weather. They were also taken to the green room and told stories of stars such as Prince, Sir Elton John and Jennifer Lopez. The tour lasted approximately 1 hour 30 minutes, with extra time to take photos with the props and do some presenting. The young people said that they really enjoyed this trip, it wasn't only fun but it was educational, some have said that they are thinking of having a career in the media industry as there is a wide range of jobs they can access.

### Emmeline Pankhurst and the Suffragette Movement

Three young people from the Children in Care Council were invited to the unveiling of the statue of Emmeline Pankhurst in Manchester. This was to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women voting for the first time in a British general election.

The young people were VIPs of Addleshaw Goddard Solicitors in St Peters Square, where they had an enviable view of proceedings and close ups through large screens in the building. They were able to experience the whole event, starting with a march of women around the square with placards stating "Rise up Women" and quotes from Emmeline Pankhurst such as "deeds not words". There were hundreds of spectators wearing purple, white and green rosettes, clothing and sashes. Purple, white and green were the colours of the suffragette movement. Naga Muchetty from BBC News chaired the event and the young people listened to many inspirational women including Hazel Reeves, the sculpture artist, Emmeline's great granddaughter, Helen Pankhurst and an 11 year old girl, Fatima Shahid, who supported an application for the statue in Manchester City Council. After the event, the young people had further talks from staff from Addleshaw Goddard and the University of Manchester, showing them that women's position in society has changed immensely since Emmeline Pankhurst challenged the rights of women. The young people were told not to give up, keep focusing on our aspirations. This statue of Emmeline Pankhurst represents the symbol of a modern forward looking city.

There were some amazing pieces of art work from schools around Manchester but the chosen winners came from Bury schools (Parrenthorn and Bury Grammar). There was also a booklet of GCSE art work with pictures of the world wars and the suffragette movement.

The whole event was made special by music from the Manchester Community Choir singing "Nana was a suffragette", the Pankhurst anthem and women singing and dancing to "You are the voice". One of the Young People said *"This was an amazing experience for us to be a part of and made extra special by being there on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and knowing that this statue of Emmeline Pankhurst is only the second female statue in Manchester."*





**Care Leaver Offer**

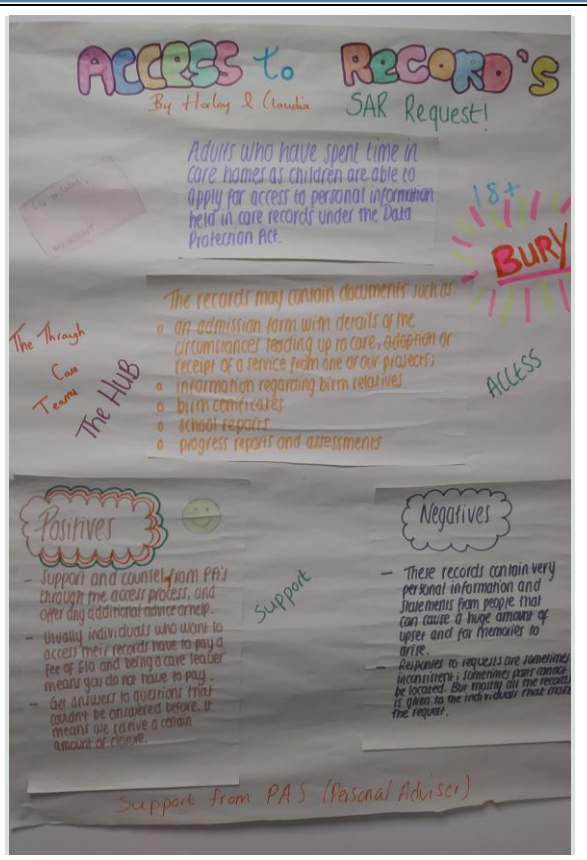
The Care Leaver Offer is now in its final stages and will go live soon. The Care Leaver Offer outlines what is available for Care Leavers within the local area including services relating to health and wellbeing, relationships, education and training, employment, housing, accommodation and participation in society. The Offer will also list events and opportunities and a wide range of resources and information. The Care Leaver Offer for Bury will be a stand-alone website which is hosted by The Bury Directory. The banner design, colour scheme and layout of the website has been designed in coproduction with Care Leavers. The official launch date will be announced soon.

**Corporate Parenting Champions Programme**

A Corporate Parenting Champions programme will be launching during the summer. The aim is to recruit Corporate Parents across all levels and departments in the Council and CCG to "champion" and raise awareness of corporate parenting and why it is important to be a good corporate parent. The aim of this programme is to open up a variety of new opportunities and experiences for children and young people in care and care leavers and also to raise awareness of corporate parenting across the Council, CCG and wider partners.

**Children & Young People in Care: Believe & Achieve Award Nominations**

Do you know a **Bury** Child or Young Person in Care who you would like to nominate for an award? If so you can make a nomination in the following categories: Education, Employment & Training; Sport/Physical Activity; Art, Drama and Music; Community Action and Volunteering; Personal Achievement; Outstanding Achievement of a Care Leaver. Awards will be presented at a Celebration Event on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. E-mail [B&Aawards@bury.gov.uk](mailto:B&Aawards@bury.gov.uk) for a nomination form. All nominations need to be received by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**



**National Benchmarking Forum**

The Young Persons National Benchmarking Forum was held on 01.05.19 in Newcastle and was attended by two young people from Bury. They produced a poster on "Access to records" they have put positives and negatives. **Their poster won the best poster at the event they and received a box of chocolates**

During the day the young people were encouraged to meet other councils and care leavers from across the country and discuss ideas and things they feel are going well and things that could be improved in their area. The Bury young people discussed The Hub and services that can be accessed, the university package and exemption for council tax, gym membership for care leavers. The young people made useful contacts and gained information on a variety areas such as county lines, guns and knife crime, trafficking and modern day slavery and access to records.

One of the young people from Bury who attended said the event was "Eye opening, learning new information who's doing what and who's not. Although there's always room for improvements Bury are pretty good with Care Leavers and offer quite a lot"