YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Hi, I'm Jamie, and I'm part of the Voice of the Child Apprentice Team at Telford & Wrekin Council.

My role is all about listening to and representing the views of children and young people in care or receiving support from the council. I help run participation activities for children and young people, making sure their voice is heard where it matters most.

I'm proud to be leading the Kinship Forum, it's a vital part of my role and something very close to my heart. I understand how important it is for young people to have a space to share their views and experiences with the people who support us.

Your voice truly matters, and I'd love for you to be part of this. I'll be there every step of the way, and I can't wait to meet you and get started!

Contact Information

If you would like to be apart of the forum, ask your Carer or Social Worker to contact us on your behalf, or reach out to the team directly using the information below

Mobile/WhatsApp: 07866982529

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DATES AND VENUE INFORMATION

The Forums will take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 5pm until 7pm @ Parklane Centre, Woodside.

Our First Forum is:

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER
5PM - 7PM
Parklane Centre, Woodside, Telford
TF7 5QZ
We can help with Transport if required!

Please do get in touch with the team to sign up to our forum where we will be able to share our Terms of Reference and useful information.

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Are you a young person in a kinship arrangement aged 11-17?

Why don't you be part of our Kinship Forum!

Joining the Kinship Forum gives you a voice, helps you connect with others in similar situations and lets you make a real difference in shaping services for young people like you!

Once you have signed up to join our Kinship Forum, you will receive a welcome pack which will include information cards, a welcome letter and some surprises!
During our first meet we will take time getting to know each other where you can share as much or as little as your comfortable with.
We will establish our groups ethos together so we can ensure everyone feels respected, safe, comfortable and most importantly happy to be apart of the group.

What is Kinship Care?

Kinship care is when a child or young person is looked after by a relative or close family friend because their parents are unable to care for them.

This could be a grandparent, aunt, uncle, older sibling or even someone else who already has a strong connection with the child.

It helps keep children in a familiar environment, often maintaining family bonds and cultural identity, which can be really important for emotional well-being.

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So what will we be doing?

Providing a safe space to speak up: Giving young people the chance to share their views, experiences and ideas about being in kinship care.

Influencing change: Members help shape the services and support offered by Telford and Wrekin Council and other professionals.

Having Fun: Take part in fun activities and events designed around your interests.

Building Connections: Connecting young people with others in similar situations, helping them feel less alone and more empowered

Our forum is led by young people for young people!

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