

## Welcome to our newsletter: Edition 6

### HELLO

We are Voices for Choices and Junior Voices for Choices. We are youth councils made up of young people in care.

We meet regularly on a Monday night. The junior group runs from 4pm-6pm and seniors from 6pm-8pm and discuss issues faced by young people in care and how we can make their experience better.

We are a dedicated group of young people who are passionate about making a difference.

If you would like to join Voices for Choices or Junior Voices for Choices or just want more information you can contact the children's rights officer, Scott, on 07825315974 or write to him at The Meadows, 110/116 Ridyard Street, Wigan, WN5 9RQ.

**Hope to hear from you soon!!!!**

### Life Detectives

The Life Detectives Summer Programme was a big hit. We attended sessions ranging from FUN, such as Bell Boating at Scotmans Flash to EDUCATIONAL, such as The Life Museum here in Wigan when we found out about heritage of Wigan and the life of children in care over the past 100 years.

### CELEBRATION NIGHT !!

After the success of our famous James Bond themed celebration evening last year, we are planning another event this year, again to celebrate the achievements of young people in care and your carers.

The theme chosen for this year's event by young people who have participated in our summer activities is "Harry Potter" although Tom still wants to come as a ROCK STAR!

The awards evening will be called 'Wigan's Wonderful Wizardry Awards' we are looking forward to seeing some of you dressed all wizardry, inspired by the Harry Potter books and films!!

**There is more information on the nomination forms which are being sent out separately. Ask your foster carers for your nomination forms. Don't forget to fill them in and send them back.**

**Deadline for nominations 22nd November 2013**

**Your free stamped address envelope is with your carers.**



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Christmas party will be held at AMF Bowling on 9th December from 5pm. This is **FREE!!!** And we hope to see you there!!! Come along and meet the Voices for Choices group. Come along and talk with Scott and Karen. Most importantly **COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!!!!!!!**

**There are limited spaces available so book on asap and don't miss out!! Book with Scott on 07825315974**

The Voices for Choices group will also be going to the Chill Factor to celebrate all their achievements this year.

Time for a **CHILL** guys :)



## DVD Stereotypes

Senior Voices for Choices are working away on their DVD project. The DVD is focused on stereotypes of young people in care and looking at the myths and realities. We have met the public on the streets of Wigan, interviewed and filmed, We have told our stories – put our lives on film.

Thursday 31st October we are going to Gregory Ave children's home to film and look at how a real children's home works. Do we all live like Tracey Beaker? Or NOT!!!!.... We are looking forward to this experience and carrying on our DVD project

## Come and join us!!

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## NEW: Junior Voices for Choices

We now have a new group for young people between 8-12 years old Called Junior Voices for Choices. We are working on an arts project and are creating a piece of art about the history of young people in care. If you're aged 8-12 you would be welcome to come along!!!

## Jan Watkins



I just want to say Hi to those of you I have not met.

I am the Gateway Worker for Children in Care and also for those who have left care.

My job is to support you in moving on with your life and looking at your future plans. I start to work with you in Y11 where I will help you in choosing what you want to do once you have left school and will take you along to look at different colleges or training providers if YOU want me to.

I would like to say "Well done" to this year's school leavers. Keep up the good work!

To those who have been at college or training last year and are continuing this year well done, on getting through your first year.

If you are not happy on your courses or training or there are other problems please call or text me and we can have a chat or meet up and I will do my best to help you.  
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