

BRENT CARE JOURNEYS *

BULLETIN 14

what we did this

Summer



COCA COLA APPRENTICESHIP ACADEMY

Team building activities  motivational talks 
networking  apprenticeship insights  black
tie gala dinner 



BCJ LINK UP*

A classic Summer sports day of rounders and tug of war, to name a few..

*Periodic Link Ups are an important part of our model for outreach - building soliarity and investing in the social safety net for our Movement members.

THERAPART TRIP: NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM*

This unique, bespoke and peer led wellbeing group has gained so much in confidence and cohesion. A number of members took their developing visual and expressive inquiries to the heart of London's museum district to share, reflect and sketch.



*Therapart is a BCJ 'Power Group': Designed and led by a care experienced young person, for other care experienced young people. Power Groups are an important part of our exploration into sharing power and creating a sustainable legacy.

ALSO THIS SUMMER: we undertook our second integrated learning experience (developing expertise in the facilitation of group work) and delivered our codesigned training for the THIRD time!

Did you catch..

BCJ's Assistant Project Worker, Tia, published a [blog](#) with Barnardo's UK

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What needs to change in the care system according to young people



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We spoke to Tia, 18, about her experiences in care and views on the Government's approach to reforming the children's social care system.

When the Government ran a consultation inviting feedback on its plans to change the social care system in England, we got to work creating our response to try to influence positive changes. We spoke to our experts and young people who have been through the care system themselves, to find out what they wanted the Government to change. One of those young people, Tia, explains what she thinks needs to change to improve the care system for young people who experience living in and leaving care.



Whenever someone asks me "who are you?", care leaver is not the first thing that comes to mind because it is not who am."

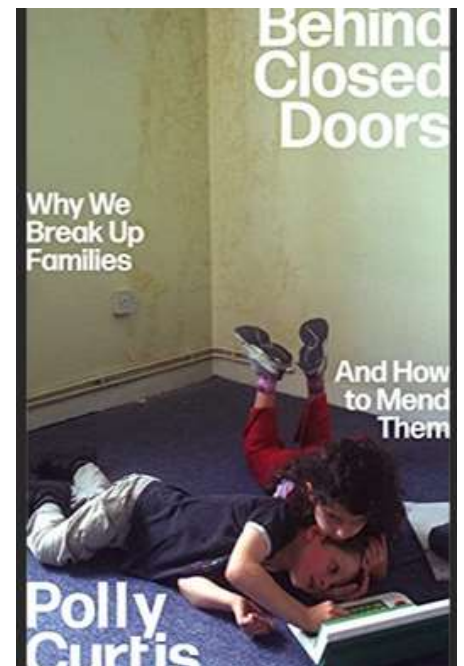
Tia, young person

"Children and young people [should be] given things that are easy to read. This consultation document may be aimed at young people, but it is too dense, and I found it a real struggle reading it" she said.

Evidence from Kings College London that positive relationship networks with trusted adults can reduce the risk of homelessness for care leavers by 10%

"Young people leaving care are often alone and isolated, as their professional support network falls away. Unsurprisingly it also means they are more at risk of homelessness. Lifelong Links is designed to turn that around, so every child has meaningful relationships that they can depend upon in child and adulthood." Positive relationships reduce homelessness among care leavers, study finds | CYP Now

And finally we recommend..



'Behind Closed Doors' by Polly Curtis
A searing read which argues for early intervention in a system where most outcomes are blighted by poverty, class bias and prejudice.