



## **Participation Team**

**The Participation Team are here to support young people to shape the services that they receive. We want you to have your voice heard and share your views and experiences to make things better for other children and young people in the future.**

**As a team, we organise loads of fun events and arrange exciting opportunities for you. All of us are passionate about helping you to make a difference and many members of the team have experience of being in care, fostering or adoption too.**

### **Virtual School Kent's Participation Team are here to:**

- Encourage all Children in Care, Care Leavers, Adopted Young People and the Children of Foster Carers to speak up, voice their opinions and help shape services for Young People. We ensure your voices are heard by the important people who make decisions about you.
- Work to ensure that young people are represented, and their views are front and centre when services are being designed and staff are being trained. We do this by working with many other Children and Young People's services.
- Organise lots of activities for you in the holidays and throughout the year so you can try out new hobbies, make friends and have fun in person and virtually!
- Celebrate your successes and achievements at events throughout the year, in our newsletters and on our website.
- Give you extra support when you are going through big changes in your life.
- Support the recruitment of Kent County Council staff and foster carers by making sure that young people's opinions are included in the decision-making process.

## HAVE YOUR SAY:

Our council groups and their members strive to represent Young People across Kent. They meet to discuss things that affect them and others who share similar experiences to them. They also get the chance to meet with Senior Officers of Kent County Council to discuss their views and opinions about the services they receive.



**SUPER COUNCIL IS FOR KENT CHILDREN IN CARE AGED 7-11.**



**OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL (OCYPC) IS FOR KENT CHILDREN IN CARE AGED 11 - 16.**



**OCYPC EXTRA IS OUR MOBILE CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL FOR KENT YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 7-16. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE OUR MAIN MEETINGS WE CAN COME TO YOUR AREA.**



**THE YOUNG ADULT COUNCIL (YAC) IS FOR CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS IN KENT AGED 16+.**

**THE  
ADOPTABLES**



**THE ADOPTABLES IS A FORUM FOR ADOPTED YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11 – 18 LIVING IN BEXLEY, KENT AND MEDWAY.**



**THE CHILDREN WHO CARE COUNCIL IS FOR THE CHILDREN OF FOSTER CARERS AGED 7-16.**



**OCYPC MAGIC IS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND AGED 11-18**



## **Get in Contact**

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**Children of Foster Carers:** 03000 418943

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