



Session 2: Co-Production in Europe

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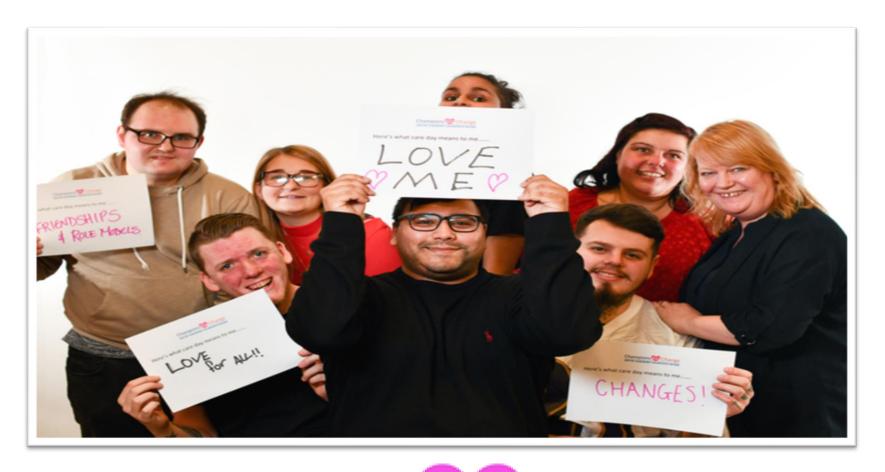
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Champions for Change SOUTH AYRSHIRE CHAMPIONS BOARD























Your presentation opened my heart and my eyes I had no idea what being in care felt like and the challenges it could bring" (local resident Girvan)

Gave real insight into what life is like for care experienced young people. Made me think about what I do in my daily practice. Made me want to do more and better (Housing colleague)

You reminded me why I started in social work and what is important

(Social Worker Children and Families Disability Team)

From our Corporate Parents...

"Good to see a presentation given by the people most affected and to have them in the room. Real issues, real life, and so important you get your stories out there so real change can be made".

(Teacher South Ayrshire Council)

"What you do is just so powerful" Support worker

> " I cannot stop crying not from sympathy but because of the fragility of peoples situations – so powerful you've got to keep doing this" (social enterprise coordinator)

You laugh you cry and you show that you care (independent care review co-chair)



Policy and Practice Changes Achieved

Free access to South Ayrshire sport and leisure facilities through the Access for Leisure scheme

Care experienced young people will not have to apply for housing through the homeless system



All Council staff will receive induction training on their role as a corporate parent

Corporate Parenting duties added to **all** South Ayrshire Council contracts

SAC will adopt a 'Family Firm' Approach where every care experienced young person in South Ayrshire is given support to access a wide range of vocational learning opportunities, including apprenticeships

What young people tell us about being part of the Champions Board ...

I love what we do at the group it makes me feel I'm not the only person who's in care

Because of you I can be me a confident boy who has more than he ever thought he'd have

Now things happen with me and not to me. (Participation **Assistant Champions Board)**

3 things I like most about the Champions Board

- 1. Meeting new People
- 2. Seipporting each other
- 3. Safe place to have unall

- 1. good griendly aptrusphere
- 2. dawn, I saar and Alex are easy to talk about anything
 3. outings

I came to the champions Board bullied and friendless now I feel part of one great big family

Being part of the Champions Board has given me the confidence to speak to people who make decisions. It gives me a greater understanding of how our systems work. (Participation Assistant **Champions Board)**



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