



Westmorland
& Furness
Council

Our Voice

Young People's Group



What is Our Voice?

- Our Voice is a group of young people who get their voices heard. The group has a variety of projects that make a difference to young people who are cared for.
- Projects include interviewing staff, running training and workshops, helping to shape policies and procedures, we also help staff to understand the impact that being cared for has on children and how it affects them.
- We raise issues that are important to us, and we try to work out how we can make it better for children.
- Most importantly we celebrate our achievements and have a lot of fun!

When and where is it?

- We meet monthly, and these meetings are a mix of working on your projects, socialising and having fun. Sometimes we have an extra meeting online if it is needed.
- We also do some activities on a Saturday or during the school holidays.
- We provide a relaxed space in which you feel safe to express your views and feelings, ask any questions without judgement and be listened to.
- We hope young people gain confidence, courage and self esteem by being part of Our Voice.

A chat with Joanne the Childrens Rights Officer who supports the group can usually ease any worries that you may have about coming along or joining the group. So for more information please get in touch with Joanne Gawne.

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