

Have a Voice FAQ's

Where will we meet?

You will usually meet in the City Centre. Currently meetings are held once a month. You will get a reminder before the meeting date.

How long will meetings last?

In person meetings will be held on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm. We can also meet online for consultations.

How many people attend?

We usually get about 6 to 8 people who regularly attend. Sometimes adults from Social Care Leadership Team and Councillors also attend.

What do I get from attending?

Knowing that sharing your experiences will hopefully change things for the better for other children looked after. You also get a voucher as a thank you for your time when we do consultations.

What happens if I cannot attend?

Let us know if you can't attend. At the beginning of every meeting, we go through what we have done in the previous meeting, so you won't miss out!

What will I actually do at the meetings?

Give your opinions on issues from your experience of being in care. Get involved in group projects and consultations with care related organisations.

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How will I be supported?

You will get one to one support from workers from 'Voice, Influence & Change Team (VIC). We hope all members can also support each other as friends.

What do I get out of it?

A wonderful opportunity to be the 'voice' for children looked after; recognition on your CV; personal development; greater confidence; references for college / jobs; a Leeds Award; new friends!

How long will I be involved?

We hope you commit to stay for as long as you are in care or up to 18 years old. We also have a Care Leavers group that you can join at 18.

Is there any induction?

There will be some induction training sessions around the work of HAV; what your role will be; public speaking & interviewing skills and anything else that you feel you need.

What if I feel I can't manage it all?

You can have regular support meetings, where you can talk through any worries. You are free to 'step down' at any time.

What will my role be?

You will work on improving services for children in care, give your opinions; share your care experience; get involved in 'takeover' of adults meetings; work on 'priorities' for improvement.

