

# LEICESTERSHIRE CARES

## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome to the third edition of our newsletter where we aim to update you on our work and share exciting volunteering opportunities with you.



*“It was a fantastic way for us to work together as a team and really rewarding to see the difference we were able to make in a relatively short space of time.”*

### CHAMPIONS LUNCH

---

Our next Champions Lunch is being held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 12 - 2pm at our offices on Tower Street. We'll be introducing new staff, launching our annual Collect for Christmas campaign, sharing information about our 2019 Festive Challenges and telling you about some exciting new programmes we are running!

The event is also a great opportunity to network with other local businesses who are committed to giving something back and strengthening their local communities.

Invitations have been emailed out and we would appreciate you letting [Keisha@leicestershirecares.co.uk](mailto:Keisha@leicestershirecares.co.uk) know if you are able to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

## YOUNG PEOPLE

---

We're pleased to let members know that this year, our young people projects hit all their targets in engaging and supporting young people to enter education, employment and training. This would not have been possible without the help and support from our businesses, so thank you to all our members!

This quarter saw some changes to the YES Project as we said goodbye to Ayesha Surti, thanking her for all her hard work throughout the project, and welcomed Charlie who is now the YES & Flying Fish Development Officer. We also welcome Jacob Brown to the team as the new Voices Project Development Officer.

We have also been busy delivering activities with our young people. We facilitated a series of mental health workshops for young people delivered by Chris Rollings from Mindspan and BuddhiByM and started working in two hostels on our homelessness project. We also took a group of young people to watch *The Colour Purple* at The Curve with the help from Carla Loughrey from HRBS, and we took a group of 7 care experienced young people to see poet, writer and care leaver, Lemn Sissay, perform a dramatic reading of his one-man play, *Something Dark*. Our young people were really inspired from both of these trips and are keen to start some creative projects of their own!

Finally, we're working on an exciting new initiative to encourage businesses across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to support care experienced young people. The **Promise to Care** will provide opportunities for businesses to make offers to young people and, in return, receive training and advice on supporting care leavers in work. The Promise will be launched in October and more details will be announced soon, so watch this space!

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE

- Specific activities for care experienced and homeless young people
- Work experience placements, especially in areas such as IT, finance and admin
  - Work tours and/or workplace visits
  - Our 5-a-side monthly football meet

We also have several opportunities for members to support the young people on our YES Project. If you are interested in supporting any of the below, please contact [charlie@leicestershircare.co.uk](mailto:charlie@leicestershircare.co.uk)

- Offering placements in IT, admin, business, data analysis, construction, mechanics, media & music
  - Long term volunteering opportunities
  - Creating an apprenticeship or employability programme within your business
- Support the delivery of workshops on a range of topics at our office and in local hostels

## EDUCATION

---

As the new school year is about to begin we wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone that participated in our Education Projects (Number Partners, Go For Reading, Employability and Interview Technique) last year.

Together you supported **6,442** young people in **67** schools!

We can't run our education projects without our business volunteers so we truly appreciate the time you give in supporting students and ultimately giving back to the local community.

Below are the dates for the Interview Technique events we already have booked in for this year. To book onto any of these, please email [Keisha@leicestershirecares.co.uk](mailto:Keisha@leicestershirecares.co.uk). Each session will be held in the morning (roughly 8:30am-1.00pm) – exact times will be confirmed closer to each date:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, Crown Hills Community College

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Keyham Lodge

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Groby College

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Longfield Academy

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Hinckley Academy

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, Beaumont Leys School (Year 11)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, City of Leicester College

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Fullhurst Community College

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, Rushey Mead Academy

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Beaumont Leys School (Year 10)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, King Edward VII College

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Madani Schools Federation

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, Lutterworth High

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, Beauchamp College (Year 12)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Limehurst Academy

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Beauchamp College (Year 10)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Soar Valley College

We also have some speedy speakers sessions booked in at different schools. If you'd like to participate in any of these then please email [CharlotteRT@leicestershirecares.co.uk](mailto:CharlotteRT@leicestershirecares.co.uk):

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October, Crown Hills Community College, 8.30am - 8.55am

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Hinckley Academy (Year 11), 8.30am - 8.50am

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Hinckley Academy (Year 10), 8.30am - 8.50am

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Hinckley Academy (Years 8 & 9), 8.30am - 8.50am

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, Crown Hills Community College (Year 10), 8.30am - 8.55am

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Crown Hills Community College (Year 9), 8.30am - 8.50am

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Crown Hills Community College (Year 8), 8.30am - 8.50am

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Crown Hills Community College (Year 7), 8.30am - 8.50am

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**TOGETHER** is our new Community Development Project, which aims to strengthen community groups with skills sharing and business support.

This project offers members a great opportunity to work with and support local community groups through utilising knowledge and skills such as business planning, social media and PR and entrepreneurial thinking, in addition to the more traditional Team Challenges.



If you think you might be interested in supporting this new project, please get in touch with [raheema@leicestershirecares.co.uk](mailto:raheema@leicestershirecares.co.uk)

We've also lots of exciting Team Challenge options available so if you haven't started planning yours, get in touch with [teamchallenges@leicestershirecares.co.uk](mailto:teamchallenges@leicestershirecares.co.uk) for details of community projects looking for support.

# COMMUNITY SAFETY

This quarter we welcome our new WIRE Project Officer, Rudi Parra-Watson, to Leicestershire Cares.

The WIRE Project continues to support ex-offenders seeking work experience and we are always on the look out for local businesses who are willing to take ex-offenders on two week work placements. If you are interested, please email [Rudi@leicestershirecares.co.uk](mailto:Rudi@leicestershirecares.co.uk).

We are also pleased to announce that we have had a new member of staff join us to work with young offenders. Siobhan Hirrell started at the beginning of August and will be delivering a new project to support young people aged 18-25 years old who have a criminal record, into employment.

The project will work with young people across Leicester and Leicestershire and include:

- Initial one-to-one support to enable the young person to sort out practical issues that can prevent them from engaging in employment/education/training.
- Group wellbeing sessions to support young people in coping with stress, anxiety and lack of confidence in relation to employment/education/training.
  - Mentored work placements with local employers.

The project will run from September 2019 to the end of March 2020. For more information, please email [Siobhan@leicestershirecares.co.uk](mailto:Siobhan@leicestershirecares.co.uk)



We're on Twitter!  
Follow us @LeicsCares  
to keep up with our news!



[www.leicestershirecares.co.uk](http://www.leicestershirecares.co.uk)

Tel: 0116 275 6490

