



# HELLO!

Hackney of Tomorrow is our Children in Care Council, which is made up of looked after children and care leavers from the London Borough of Hackney.

Our aim is to make sure that young people have the chance to shape and influence the services that affect their lives.

**Here's what we've been up to over the last three months!**

## DECEMBER



## Goals Galore



– Young people from Hackney of Tomorrow's UASC Committee went to see England vs Montenegro at Wembley Stadium. It was goals galore as England won 7 – 0!

- Hackney of Tomorrow have started working in collaboration with the Speech and Language team in order to produce a dictionary of words that are frequently used by social workers and not always understood by young people. This project aims to help young people understand the language that is used by professionals, so that they don't feel left out of important conversations about their care.
- Life-Story exercises are used by social workers to help young people think about their lives and to map out the important events that have taken place in their lives.

In December, Hackney of Tomorrow met with social workers and managers to discuss their own experience of engaging with life-story exercises and to give advice on how social workers in Hackney could better use life-story exercises as a way of helping young people to connect with and understand their past.

# JANUARY



- Two Representatives from Hackney of Tomorrow met with Councillor Bramble to present the Care Council's report on Hackney's semi-independent accommodation pathway. During their discussion, HoT Representatives highlighted

three areas that are in need of improvement: affordability, quality of support staff and the security of placements. Hackney of Tomorrow will keep working alongside their corporate parents and elected councillors to improve the accommodation services offered to Hackney's care leavers.



- The Head of Corporate Parenting, Robert Koglek, attended Hackney of Tomorrow's Representatives Meeting in January to talk about the role of corporate parenting and how young people from Hackney of Tomorrow can help develop the service.





- Young people from Hackney of Tomorrow's UASC Committee got together to celebrate Vietnamese New Year (Tết) at a local Vietnamese restaurant. Everyone who

came shared some traditional Vietnamese food and received a red envelop for good luck.



– Young people from Hackney of Tomorrow celebrated Chinese New Year together in China Town!



– **Two Representatives from Hackney of Tomorrow attended Hackney’s Corporate Parenting Board and presented two policy ideas that had been put forward by other young people from the Care Council.**

**1)** Foster Carers working for Hackney should be expected to ring-fence a proportion of their carer’s allowance to provide enrichment activities for the young people they looked after.

**2)** The Virtual School should provide tuition for young people in Further Education.



– Young people from Hackney of Tomorrow attended the Youth Awards ceremony to receive a Community Impact Award, which recognises young people who have made a significant impact on their own community through activism and campaigning.





# FEBRUARY

– Representatives from Hackney of Tomorrow participated in the recruitment process for a new Lead Nurse for the LAC Health Team.



– Hackney of Tomorrow delivered their first consultation session for younger looked after children at Kench Hill in Kent. During the consultation, young people engaged in

games and activities that helped them think about what it means to be in care and the help that they receive from the different adults in their lives.



– Before heading off to the cinema, young people from Hackney of Tomorrow met with staff from the Book Trust to talk about the books that they receive from the Letterbox Club!

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