

# What's in the box?



**In May 2020, young people from Hackney's Children in Care Council (Hackney of Tomorrow) received a grant of £1,500 from the borough's Youth Opportunity Fund.**

This grant was allocated to fund a project that the Care Council had organised in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Through this project, young people assembled boxes of books, puzzles, activities, and treats that were then sent out to fellow looked after children and care leavers during the lockdown.

Inside the boxes, Care Council members also enclosed letters from themselves and the Deputy Major, Cllr Bramble. The aim of the project was to support other young people through this difficult time by bringing some excitement to their day and giving them something to do while they were expected to spend more time at home.

With the allocated funds, Hackney of Tomorrow were able to produce 50 boxes, which were then sent out to 20 care Leavers and 30 looked after children from Hackney. These young people were nominated by social workers from Hackney, so that the boxes could reach the young people who might have needed them most during this difficult time.

