

Welcome
to VOYPIC



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VOICE OF
YOUNG PEOPLE
IN CARE

Can we help?

- > Do you live in a children's home or with a foster family?
- > Maybe you live with extended family in kinship care arrangements?
- > Perhaps you're getting ready to leave care or you have already?

If you've answered 'Yes' to any of these questions, then we're here for you!

We work with children and young people with lived experience of care up to the age of 25 years old right across Northern Ireland.

You can count on us to help you speak up and be heard. That's what our name means; we're the **Voice of Young People in Care**.

**This is your place,
and your voice.**



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What can VOYPIC do for me?

Advice, help and information

You have the right to have your say in the decisions about your life. If you need some help in having your voice heard, our advocates are here for you.

An advocate is someone with specialist training and experience, who makes sure your voice, views and experiences are heard by those making decisions about your care and support.

Our advocates will listen to you and tell you about your rights in and moving on from care. They will make sure your voice is heard in care and pathway planning and decision making. They will support you to think about what you need and want, and work with you to get the help you're entitled to.

Get involved and have fun

We help connect you with other young people with a lived experience of care.

We host regular groups, participation forums and activities, for all ages, that help you build your self-confidence and personal skills. We run regular events and activities where you can make new friends, relax, and just be yourself – because you're with other young people who have been through similar experiences.

Our participation programmes help you find your voice and set your own agenda for change!

Your place, your voice

Influencing change

It's important that the voices of children in care and young people leaving care are heard by those who make the big decisions.

You're the expert, you know what care is like and you know what needs to be done to make it work better for children and young people.

We work with people and organisations, including government, to make sure this happens. Come have your say and tell them what needs to be done!

