



PLANT YNG NGHYMURU
CHILDREN IN WALES

Getting Ready Project Summary- Carmarthenshire





Here we talk about what the project is and its aims

Resources

Our resources follow key elements of the Welsh Government meaning of Financial Inclusion, as described in their Financial Inclusion Strategy document:

1. Access to affordable credit and financial services
2. Access to financial information, including debt advice; and
3. Building financial understanding and capability.

The project

- Delivered by Voices from Care Cymru with Children in Wales, supported by funding through the Welsh Government 'Suitable Provision and Support Innovation Fund – Homelessness Prevention Grant'.
- One of the funds aims is to increase the housing support available to vulnerable young people who are moving from local authority care to living independently.



The project reach

- Getting Ready Project focuses its work in three local authority areas: Isle of Anglesey; Carmarthenshire; Rhondda Cynon Taff
- This set of resources is for Carmarthenshire and will have some information that is only relevant to Carmarthenshire
- Some of the information is not specific to an area and can be used by any care experienced young person in Wales.

There is a project worker in Carmarthenshire who can work alongside your Personal Advisor to support you to confidently move from care to independence.

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Project aims

- To provide support for you to safely transition from care.
- To help you get community support
- To empower you by enhancing your knowledge and understanding of your rights and entitlements when planning to leave care.
- To build your confidence to advocate for change.
- To help increase your knowledge to keep you safe from homelessness, while improving your overall wellbeing
- To involve you in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the project

Workshops

- As part of the project Children in Wales are looking to deliver workshops to help you increase financial understanding to build on the resources produced.
- If you are a care experienced young person or support care experienced young people and would like to organise a workshop get in touch to find out more
- info@childreninwales.org.uk
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Who are the resources designed for? Here we will look at the main target audience, although some of the resources would be useful for any young person

How to use the resources

Each resource created by Children in Wales is designed:

- To be used on its own if needed
- To be used with some of the other resources created
- As one large pack of resources

Each resource has a number of website links included where you can find more information about a certain area of interest.

We have also created a suite of online padlet resources that cover the same topics listed on the next page:

- padlet.com/CinWGettingReady/Carmarthenshire

Care Experienced or Care Leaver?

Within the resources we follow the legal definitions of 'looked after' and care leavers:

- 'Looked after' means if you have been looked after by a local authority for a period of 13 weeks between the ages of 14 and 16 years
- Section 104 of the 2014 Social Services and Wellbeing Act sets out the different categories of young people who are or who were being looked after by a local authority
- Each category is entitled to differing types or levels of support from their local authority when leaving care. Therefore some information in the resources will only apply to you if you fall into one of these categories.

My Local Authority?

- This set of resources has been designed with the support of Carmarthenshire County Council
- Therefore where the information says if you are a care experienced young person, it assumes you are 'looked after' by Carmarthenshire County Council.
- If you live in Carmarthenshire but are 'looked after' by a different local authority- you will need to contact your local authority for information about support available.

Categories of care leaver

Some of the information in the resources assumes you are classed as one of the below categories of young people:

- Category 1- you are aged 16 or 17, are being looked after by a local authority and have been looked after for at least 13 weeks between the ages of 14 and 16.
- Category 2- you are aged 16 or 17, are no longer looked after by a local authority but would previously have been a category 1 young person.
- Category 3- you are aged 18 or over, used to be a category 2 young person and would continue to be so if you were under the age of 18. Or you were being looked after by a local authority when you reached the age of 18, and, immediately before you were no longer looked after, you were a category 1 young person.

Other young people

- The resources also include a lot of information that is useful for any young person
- Therefore even if you are not a care experienced young person, we hope the resources such as budgeting, employment, food shopping tips and money will be useful!

THE
RESOURCES



Here is a checklist of the resources available to help guide you towards independent living!

Young Person Checklist

Professionals Checklist

I've read it	I understand it	Resource Title	Discussed with Young Person	Understood by Young Person
		Budgeting		
		Money: Key Terms		
		Money: I need some!		
		Money: Putting some aside		
		Employment: What I need to know		
		Benefits and Entitlements		
		Benefits and Entitlements: Education		
		Benefits and Entitlements: Young Parents		
		Food Shopping Tips		
		Getting Around		
		Kitting Out Your Home		
		Keeping my money, possessions and myself safe		