

Actions from Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee's meeting with Aspire

What you told us (Aspire)	What we have done(Council)
<p>We want the offer of subsidised leisure use to be known about by all children and young people in care and their foster carers [December 2012]</p>	
<p>We want you to look at the current position for Young people leaving care who are not in education or training or a Job or have no legal status in the country. [December 2012]</p>	
<p>We want Aspire/ young people in care /young people leaving care to be involved in social worker recruitment [December 2012]</p>	
<p>We want a regular budget [October 2012]</p>	<p>Agreed budget of 15k is now allocated.</p>
<p>We want access to printing and design facilities when advertising our events [October 2012]</p>	<p>Relationship with Comms is now being established and first meeting took place on November 20th with Eilidh Murray and Aspire Leaders. RW (young person in care who is new to Aspire) is working on a logo design with other young people and Comms.</p>
<p>We want publicity and promotion of the group and its work [October 2012]</p>	<p>As above Working with Exposure to produce publicity materials etc</p>
<p>We want leadership training for up to 7 people [October 2012]</p>	<p>Internal training provision is agreed. This will be provided by the Youth, Community and Participation Team and young people can work towards Level 2 or 3 in Youth and Community Work qualification where appropriate. YCP Team will look for alternative accredited training for younger Aspire members.</p>
<p>We want to cook together [October 2012]</p>	<p>Aspire have decided to facilitate cooking courses for young people aged 15 and over, also to offer Food Hygiene certificates to young people who would like to do the training (including two members of the Leadership Team). The Willkommen Project is being set up with the Marriot Hotel Group in order to offer work experience to young people of 18+. They will have two weeks in England and two weeks in Germany. (2013 and a second cohort in 2014) This will include food and hospitality and it is proposed that a member of Aspire will be on the selection Panel for this. Young people will be cooking for the Winter Party in December at Young Adults Service.</p>
<p>We want children and young people in care living outside the borough to know about our events</p>	<p>This is to be provided by foster carers and residential providers. If a young person is living independently he or she can receive support with this from their social worker. We expect carers to travel with or transport younger children to</p>

and to be given travel expenses to attend Aspire events [October 2012]	events.
We want information about Aspire in training for foster carers [October 2012]	The training coordinator in the Fostering Service has been contacted and will work with Aspire to develop this aspect of foster care training.
We want leisure passes for some children and young people in care [October 2012]	This is now in place with Leisure Services. Haringey foster carers and all young people of 13+ have been contacted to inform them of this new provision and some have already taken it up. Please see attached information.
We want support for learning musical instruments when interest in this type of extracurricular activity is shown [October 2012]	The current Haringey offer through schools is for free music lessons in Year 5 and 6. Cost of music lessons is approximately £350 a year (inc instrument hire). Budget commitment for further roll out is needed. Foster carers and social workers are to be made aware of the music offer and other free activities such as the Saturday morning music sessions at Gladesmore School.
We want to know how to complain and take forward a disagreement about our care [October 2012]	The Barnardos Advocacy Project has previously circulated leaflets to all children and young people in care. A new batch of leaflets will be mailed out to all young people in care. Many young people in care and care leavers do approach and make use of the advocacy service to raise issues with independent support. Aspire are to meet with Barnardos (as they did previously) to discuss the work that they do and to plan how to disseminate information. There is also information on how to complain to Haringey available through the Youth Space website.
We want the IT offer made clear to us [October 2012]	All children and young people need access to IT. It is an expectation that all foster carers and residential units will provide suitably monitored computer and internet access. Social workers are to check this on their visits and young people are to raise any issues with their social workers for immediate resolution. For those who live in semi independent accommodation particular support must be offered to assist them to have the same level of access.

Sabina McGing was a new graduate trainee working in Children's Services and everyone felt that it would be useful for Sabina to look at the current barriers to communication and what can be done. A report on this could be considered at the next joint meeting between Aspire and Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee on 19th February 2013.

Aspire asked for young people in care and care leavers to be involved in the interview process for social workers. This had happened in the past but had stopped as it had been difficult to get young people to volunteer to take part in the interview process. Marion agreed to start this work again and see if there were any volunteers.

Corporate Parenting Committee agreed to look at the current position regarding support to care leavers and get a report back from the Leaving Care team on this issue.