

Celebration Evening



All looked after young people who took their year 11 exams or year 6 SATs this summer received an invitation to attend an Education Celebration Event to receive recognition for their successes and hard work.

Councillor Chadwick, the chairman of East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and John Wilson, assistant director of children, family and adult services made the presentations.

Rosie from Viking FM hosted the evening, and Hull's Olympic Gold medal

winning boxer, Luke Campbell, gave a talk about his experiences, signed autographs and posed for photos with the young people (as well as a star-struck Emily). Victoria braved the stage by performing an ace dance routine.



Congratulations to all the young people involved!

Passport to Parliament

Victoria and Kia from the CiCC attended the regional Passport to Parliament meeting on Tuesday 30th October. The Who Cares? Trust has set up this project which aims to reach out to looked-after children and care leavers across the country and engage them in national political issues, because Parliament has the power to change the lives of looked-after children and care leavers.



The regional meetings are for looked-after children and care leavers to meet together, discuss key national issues and talk to local MPs and other politicians. Representatives from these meetings will go to the All Party Parliamentary Group for Looked After Children and Care Leavers and share their views.

The project will also provide young people with skills and encouragement to lobby their MPs for change, and engage with professionals about the barriers to change in the care system.

The Trust had an artist at the meeting who recorded what was said - this is part of the picture!

Regional Children in Care Council

The Regional CiCC met in York on Tuesday 30th October. The network is now well established, and is looking for funding for future events.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 24th November. They aim to hold each future meeting in a different location around the region.



iCan uCan event

"When you go through bad stuff in your life it gives you the strength others haven't got. It doesn't matter what you have been through, it is what you do about it that counts."

So says Richard McCann, who has been through more than most. His mother was murdered when he was five, his dad drank and beat him and his sister until they were taken into care. He left school at 16 with no qualification and did all sorts of menial jobs. He joined the Army until he had a breakdown and was thrown out, got involved with drugs and spent a year in prison.



He says "That changed my life and I changed my circle of friends. If you want to be a loser in life then hang around with losers."

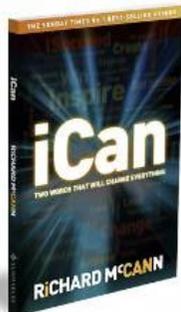
He decided to write a book about his experiences, called "Just a Boy."

Since then he has written more books, become a public

speaker, helped set up a support group for families of the victims of murder and manslaughter and works with the Youth Offending Service.

On Tuesday October 30th, Richard worked with the Pathway Team at the 'iCan uCan' event at Beverley Leisure Centre, to help the young people raise their aspirations, build confidence and channel this into a positive action plan.

He also presented each young person with a copy of his latest book, "iCan" and showed them his Olympic marathon torch.



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Adoption Support Group

The very first meeting for young people who are adopted took place this month. The group will be a consultation and support group for adopted children in the East Riding aged between 12 and 18 years. The young people have yet to choose a name for the group, but have made a good start and have lots of ideas for future meetings.

We aim to meet monthly and hope more young people will be interested in joining the group. If you would like any further information, please contact Emily on 01482 396828.



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