

Children's Commissioner's Takeover Day

Maggie Atkinson, Children's Commissioner for England said "The day is all about celebrating young people, and highlighting the brilliant things you do. With the help of an adult, you can 'takeover' someone's job to find out how they make decisions."



Brandon, Pam Allen (Head of Children's Support & Safeguarding Services) and Paige

The professionals explained their jobs to the young people, and then the young people took part in some of the professionals' activities, which included taking part in meetings, carrying out health and safety checks, and helping to organise resources.

They were impressed by the young people taking part. Their comments included "She was very receptive and interacted well with everybody she met", "She enjoyed being given a task and found her own ways to complete it, checking along the way that she was doing it right" and "He was very good on the day. He actively involved himself



Katherine Stoney (Youth support volunteering officer) with Kezia

in the work undertaken and agreed to lead on the checks at the Humber Bridge".

Young people's comments included "It went really well, thanks for the day", "It went extremely well and it was fun and exciting", "I would recommend this to anyone", "I think I have learnt lots of new skills and that I have learnt lots of things about safety", and "I think this has been the best Takeover Day ever".



Chris with Paul Bell (Head of Economic Development)



John Wilson (Assistant Director of Children's, Family & Adult Services) with Brandon and Paige

Many thanks to all the young people who took part, and to the professionals who allowed their time and their jobs to be taken over.

Watch out for next year's Takeover Day if you would like to take part!



Claire and Steve Comb (Service Manager, looked after children's resources)

Victoria says Hello!



Hi everyone,
I am Victoria and I am the new apprentice for the participation and rights/ pathway team. I am looking forward to working with such an amazing team and young people, have a lot to offer, and look forward to meeting you.
Best wishes to you all. :)

Season's greetings!



Best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy and successful 2013 to you all from everyone at the Participation and Rights Team.



EAST RIDING
OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Children's Participation and Rights Team

Newsletter

December 2012



Foster Carer's Annual Review - Have Your Say

Following new guidelines from the Government, we are currently putting procedures together to gain the views of looked after and birth children/young people that will form part of the foster carers annual review. This will be an independent service and you will be asked who can read your responses. The aim is for us to visit you before your foster carer's annual review, in order for you to complete the questionnaire. This information will be given to the CISRO (Children's Independent Safeguarding and Reviewing Officer) who chairs your foster carers review.

We will be using the Viewpoint software to gain your views. The questions will be similar to the ones that are currently on the paper format "Foster Carer Annual Review" that you complete.

The birth children of foster carers will also have the opportunity to complete a questionnaire regarding what they think about fostering. The 'TAG' group, which is a support group for birth children are very keen to have this opportunity.

If all goes according to plan, we are hopeful this will be in place for 1st January, with a trial run before Christmas.

This is another fantastic opportunity for you to have your views and opinions listened to, and is fully supported by higher management.

Children's Participation and Rights Team, Anlaby Children's Centre, Anlaby, HU10 6UE
Tel. 01282 396828 www.rights4u.org.uk email. rights4u@eastriding.gov.uk