

Events and engagement

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Additional services

- ‘Warm space’ drop in for care experienced
- Emergency food pantry
- Laundry facilities
- Access to internet
- Health Advice drop in
- Walsall Works & JCP / Virtual School drop ins



Ongoing offer

Care Leaver week celebrations

Care Leaver week takes place in the last week of October. Each year we plan a range of celebrations for our young people and activities to support awareness of care leavers.

This year events included a Walsall history walk, parent and toddler group, UASC engagement event and the usual 'big CL week party'.



UASC social group

- Bi-monthly meet ups
- In liaison with Telford Council
- Activity and community based
- Good engagement and turn out (generally 10-20 young people at each event, plus an equal number from Telford)
- Supported by UASC specialist support worker, TM and Children's Champion







Football team

We maintain a care experienced football team (Walsall United FC) who train to participate in care leaver football tournaments. These were traditionally just held in Care Leaver week but are now taking place several times throughout the year with different authorities taking the opportunity to host.



Christmas celebrations

Each year celebrate Christmas with our young people. This is focussed on a Christmas party and dinner as close to Christmas day as we can manage.

We offer each care leaver a Christmas dinner (and a plus one!), a festive payment, a gift and a hamper of treats.





New offerings

Over the past few months we have expanded our offer to include:

- Social drop in
- UASC drop in
- Specialist UASC work with Art Gallery
- Healthy guys group
- Running club



Drop ins

We have created 2 new 'drop ins' which will run monthly:

- Care leaver social drop in

This is a general drop in to give young people a chance to come and eat with us and hang out with their PA. It's a good place to informally check in and share information and also to encourage new friendships and interdependence.

- UASC focussed drop in

This has initially been set up to share information with UASC young people and support them with their anxieties around recent changes in law and policy. The intention over coming months is to combine this with the social drop in to give more opportunities for integration, language practice and to learn about life and values in the UK.

COME AND JOIN US AT THE BIG

DROP IN

FREE ENTRY

LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
5-7PM

EAT . CHILL . GAME . SEE YOUR PA

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ASK YOUR PA FOR MORE DETAILS





A yellow sign with a hand-drawn style. At the top, there are three stars and a wavy line. The word "ATTENTION" is written in large, bold, black letters inside a white rounded rectangle with a black border. Below this, two blue megaphones with red accents are positioned on either side of the text. The text reads: "e-Visa" in red and blue, "Wednesday 5th June" in black, "EVISA Drop in" in black, "5PM - 7PM" in red, "Have a bite to eat and discuss" in black, and "EVISA applications with PA" in black. At the bottom, there are two jagged lines resembling lightning bolts. The address "TLC HUB BRINETON STREET WS29EP" is written in black at the very bottom.

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Specialist UASC activities with Art Gallery

In partnership with Walsall Art Gallery we have worked to set up a series of tours and workshops for our separated migrant young people.

This has included tours of the gallery, talks from the community team at the gallery and consideration of works by refugee artists and creators.



The new football team and 'healthy guys' group

Following a recent football tournament some of our young people reflected that they had enjoyed the opportunity to come together more regularly to practice and develop ties.

Dave Hughes and I noted that this was a good opportunity to shape conversations around topics such as mental health, masculinity, healthy relationships and aspirations.

As a result the team have decided to continue to maintain their Whatsapp group with supervision from Dave and Andy and will seek to agree to come together regularly and utilise their free leisure pass to access gym and swim facilities between tournament practice.



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Running club

In June we sought to engage young people in a Parkrun at Walsall Arboretum. This is part of the #runwithit campaign which sought to get care leaver teams from around the country to engage in a 5K parkrun with their young people on the same day and time.

Turn out on the day was lower than expected but the young people engaged excellently and went away to discuss this further with their peers afterwards. This resulted in a 'buzz' around the event and young people have now come forward to ask to participate in the next run and to explore setting up a monthly running group over the summer months.



JOIN THE TLC RUNNING CLUB!

5K WALK, JOG,
RUN

MONTHLY

JOIN US FOR THE WALSALL ARBORETUM PARKRUN

Each month from March to September we meet as a group to do the 5K (3.1 mile) Walsall Arboretum Parkrun. You can walk, jog or run - the achievement is in finishing!

Parkruns take place on Saturdays. We meet at 8:30am for some drinks and snacks before beginning the run at 9am.

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The future...

We are planning a 'big summer BBQ' event where we are hoping to raise awareness of the Local Offer and seek young people's views around how we can continue to expand this in ways which will be helpful and supportive for them. As part of this we will be consulting on clubs and activities.

There is demand for a young parents group which is aimed solely at care experienced parents and we are engaging with Early Help to seek to bring their volunteers and expertise on board with this.

Young people have fed back that we need to invest in more/new equipment at the TLC Hub. This will include some indoor games and toys as well as outdoor activities.