

THE 2ND ANNUAL LEAVING CARE CONFERENCE:

The Transition into Independence Through Good Mental
Health, Housing Provision and Further Education

28TH OCTOBER 2010 // CENTRAL LONDON



Speakers Include:

- Tim Loughton MP, Department for Education
- Professor Mike Stein, University of York
- Kevin Healy, Cassel Service
- Janet Rich, Care Leavers Foundation
- Kevin Woods, Department of Education
- Matthew Huggins, Care Matters Partnership
- John Kemmis, Voice
- A National Voice

THE 2ND ANNUAL LEAVING CARE CONFERENCE:

The Transition into Independence Through Good Mental Health, Housing Provision and Further Education



SUMMARY

The transition from leaving care to adulthood can be problematic and often traumatic. Care leavers may have to face this without the consistent support of their family. The Care Matters White Paper in 2007 recognised this, outlining dynamic improvements to offer care leavers greater support during this transitional phase. These included encouraging young people to stay in foster placements, when appropriate, until they are 21, increased financial support and access to personal advisors up until the age of 25.

Although Leaving Care Services have come a long way in the last 10 years, so much more needs to be done to ensure that every child and young person is provided with the best possible start in life

The unique one day conference will look at all aspects of the transition from care to adulthood. In particular, it will provide an in-depth overview of leaving care services from throughout the UK. The conference is designed to facilitate professionals to develop the expertise they need, ranging from accessing the correct support services through to effective implementation. We will hear from our own trailblazing local authorities, practitioners, Government and academic experts who will inform on best practice development and future strategy. Throughout the day, delegates will be provided with ample opportunities to participate, network and hear from the young people themselves.

KEY LEARNING POINTS

- 10 years on from the Children Leaving Care Act
- Celebrate and learn more from National Care Leavers Week 2010
- Look to the future in leaving care services
- Hear from sector leaders on a national overview of best practice from within leaving care services
- Hear new guidance from NICE on the health and wellbeing of care leavers
- Explore the best strategies to encourage care leavers into employment, education and training
- Assess how best to support care leavers with disabilities
- Learn their rights: help to support care leavers access the right housing to aid independence
- Look to multidisciplinary approaches to supporting care leavers with mental health difficulties
- Explore new DCSF guidance on housing for young people
- Hear best practice examples in supporting care leavers obtain basic life skills
- Hear preventative measures to ensure care leavers do not enter into the criminal justice system
- Hear first hand the challenges that face care leavers today

CARE LEAVING SERVICES AWARD CEREMONY

Care Matters Partnership, in association with **National Care Leavers Week**, are proud to offer you a unique opportunity to attend our exclusive awards ceremony. A panel of expert judges, celebrities and young people will award young people and professionals in the following categories:

Young People: 2 Awards, one under 18's one 19 and over

1. Outstanding entrepreneur
2. Outstanding performer
3. Outstanding educational achievement
4. Outstanding sportsman
5. Outstanding activist/campaigner

Professionals

1. Local authority service – Outstanding innovation
2. Outstanding 'hard to reach' service
3. Outstanding provider
4. Outstanding multi disciplinary
5. Outstanding individual worker award (TTM Sponsor)

Special awards to be announced

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know for one of the above awards please email Katie Gilroy on k.gilroy@carematterspartnership.co.uk

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Councillors with an interest in Corporate Parenting
- Lead members for children's services
- Directors & senior managers children's services
- Directors of education
- Head of children's strategy
- Leaving care teams
- Child protection managers
- Corporate Parenting managers
- Education advisors
- Residential social workers
- Social inclusion managers
- Child & adolescent mental health teams
- Service managers
- Opinion formers & the media
- Commissioning managers in health
- Education & social care
- Representatives from children's charities
- Representatives from children's homes
- Virtual School Heads
- Designated Teachers
- Connexions staff



09.30	Chair's Opening Remarks Chair: Matthew Huggins CEO Care Matters Partnership Young Co-Chair: Conor Brennan
09.45	The Future of Leaving Care Services Tim Loughton MP Under Secretary of State, Department for Education
10.00	10 Years on from the Children Leaving Care Act The Challenges the Successes Kevin Woods Department for Education (invited)
10.20	Promoting the Health and Wellbeing of Looked After Children: Public Health Guidance NICE
10.40	Promoting the Resilience of Young People from Care to Adulthood: How We Can Promote Positive Outcomes on the 3 Main Pathways to Adulthood → Accommodation → Education/Employment/Training → Health and well-being Professor Mike Stein University of York
11.00	BREAK
11.20	WORKSHOPS: 1. Supporting Care Leavers With Their Parenting Skills A National Voice 2. Supporting Care Leavers not in Education, Employment or Training 3. Supporting Care Leavers with Disabilities in Independent Living Council for Disabled Children 4. Advocacy: Supporting Care Leavers Access Housing Provision Voice
12.30	PANEL DEBATE // What More Can Leaving Care Services Do To Better Provide For Young People Leaving Care? Morning Speakers
13.00	LUNCH & EXHIBITION
14.00	Best Practice: Supporting Care Leavers With Mental Health: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach To Therapeutic Intervention : Kevin Healy Clinical Director, Cassel Service
14.25	New Government Guidance on Housing Support for Young People: The Responsibilities of Children's Services and Housing Authorities Department for Education (Invited)
14.50	Best Practice in Providing Life Skills for Care Leavers to Aid Independent Living → Money Management / Paying Bills / Accessing Benefits Janet Rich Care Leavers Foundation
15.15	Best Practice in Preventing Care Leavers Entering the Youth Justice System. A joint disciplinary approach Barnardo's Leaving Care Services, Manchester
15.40	Breaking the Cycle: Developing Services that provide the best start in Independent Living
16.05	Leaving the Care System - My Story Keighley Simpson Care Leaver
16.30	Chair's closing remarks Matthew Huggins CEO, Care Matters Partnership

THE 2ND ANNUAL LEAVING CARE CONFERENCE:

The Transition into Independence Through Good Mental Health, Housing Provision and Further Education



→ BOOKING INFORMATION

Please photocopy this booking form for additional delegates. Complete all relevant sections of this form and either:

Tel: 020 7384 2365

Fax: 020 7384 2437

Post: Care Matters Partnership, C/O JC Conferences, Riverbank House, One Putney Bridge Approach, London, SW6 3JD

Email: booking@carematterspartnership.co.uk

Book Online: www.carematterspartnership.co.uk

To find out more information:

k.gilroy@carematterspartnership.co.uk

→ DELEGATE RATES

Please select relevant rate from the list below:

Sector:	Conference	Conferences + Awards	Awards Only
Private Sector	£349 <input type="checkbox"/>	£549 + VAT <input type="checkbox"/>	£249 <input type="checkbox"/>
Public Sector	£299 <input type="checkbox"/>	£499 + VAT <input type="checkbox"/>	£249 <input type="checkbox"/>
Charity Rate	£249 <input type="checkbox"/>	£449 + VAT <input type="checkbox"/>	£249 <input type="checkbox"/>
Care Leaver	£49 <input type="checkbox"/>	£149 + VAT <input type="checkbox"/>	£99 <input type="checkbox"/>

£50 discount when booked before 1st July*

*All prices are subject to VAT, discount applicable to conference rates only

→ 1ST DELEGATE

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Prof/Other):

Forename:

Surname:

Position:

Organisation:

Email:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel no. (Direct line Yes/No)

I have read and understood the terms and conditions

Signature:

Booking code

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This booking form constitutes a legally binding agreement. Payment must be received in full before the event. We are not responsible for the non-arrival of confirmation documents: if by 7 days prior to the conference, you have not heard from us, contact us using the phone number on the brochure. Cancellations made in writing before 27th September 2010 will be subject to an administration fee, amounting to 35% of the liable fee. All cancellations made after this date will be liable for the full delegate fee. Although substitutions will be accepted if notified in writing prior to the event, non-arrivals will be liable for the full fee. Payment should be made in full before the event, any payments made after the conference will be subject to a £60 administration fee.

DATA PROTECTION

The personal information you provide will be held on a database by Care Matters Partnership Ltd. By registering for a conference, Care Matters Partnership Ltd and its subsidiary companies can provide you with information relating to your booking and other services via email, direct mail, telephone or fax. If you do not want to receive this information please write to the database manager at Care Matters Partnership Ltd. Your details may also be made available to other carefully selected companies. Please tick here if you do not wish to receive information from third parties.

→ 2ND DELEGATE

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Prof/Other):

Forename:

Surname:

Position:

Organisation:

→ 3RD DELEGATE

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Prof/Other):

Forename:

Surname:

Position:

Organisation:

→ HOW TO PAY

Invoice Please send an invoice to:

Purchase order number (if relevant)

Cheque I enclose a cheque for £ made payable to Care Matters Partnership Ltd

› **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS** Please include any additional requirements below: