

Play Day Action plan meeting

Meeting held 12:00 23rd September 2022

Present

Michael Chivers: chair/participation champion

Chloe Rudling: vice-chair/participation officer

Jennifer Gregory: participation champion

Tammie Falco: participation champion

Jason Barnes: team manager

Alan Gibbs: senior personal adviser

John Gale: senior personal adviser

Rebecca Bell: personal adviser

Helen Bradbury: Specialist nurse for care leavers

Kylie Jarman: Norfolk in Care Council

5 Care Leavers present – names omitted

Purpose of meeting

To discuss an action around a Care Leaver Play Day

Norfolk County council currently has nearly 1000 care experienced young people who are classed as care leavers aged between 16-25.

Of these approx 100 are as UASC, unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

Our care leavers are spread out all across the county of Norfolk and we want this event to bring them all together to celebrate their achievements and personal development.

Proposed date of Play Day

April 2023 in the Easter holidays

Proposed venues for the Play Day

1: Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, Gressenhall, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4DR

<https://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/gressenhall-farm-and-workhouse>

Pros

This venue is owed by Norfolk County council and run by the Museum services. This would be free to use for a Play Day event.

There is substantial outside space consisting of several grassed fields and a large fixed marquee.

It offers a larger outdoor space than the Discovery centre.

Gressenhall also has a small farm attached to it with animals.

Gressenhall has an infrastructure of connections to entertainment and vendors from public events such as heritage weekend, farm day and apple day.

Risk assessments are already in place for events and covid-19 regulations.

Norfolk County council has public liability insurance for this venue.

Cons

Gressenhall Farm is situated out of the town of Dereham and care leavers would require more transport arrangements to attend.

2: Discovery Centre, Columbia Way, King's Lynn PE30 2LA

<https://www.freebridge.org.uk/freebridge-customer/out-and-about/discovery-centre>

Pros

The Discovery centre is in King's Lynn with easier links to public transport.

We have just started a drop in service at the Discovery centre so our care leavers are aware of the building.

The Discovery centre has a large community room with projector screen, pool tables and fusesball table. Plus a large sports hall and raised fixed stage for performances.

It offers a larger indoor space than Gressenhall.

There is also a garden and static double decker bus which can be used.

An event at the Discovery centre would be covered by Norfolk County council public liability insurance.

Cons

The Discovery centre is owned by Freebridge Community housing, so we would have to pay to rent the space for the entire day. Each room is £20.50 an hour, three rooms would be £61.50 an hour. (Freebridge will negotiate a price for the day)

A risk assessment will need to be completed.

Steering committee

Once funding is agreed the steering committee will be made up of participation champions, personal advisers and care leavers led through the Norfolk In Care Council.

Care leavers will be invited to attend meetings with the In Care Council

Information, Suggestions and ideas will be gathered at the drop in sessions in King's Lynn and Norwich.

Care Leavers will be asked to come with a clear plan for the Play Day and be supported to source food vendors and entertainment for the day.

Ideas brought forward at action plan meeting

A care leaver festival with live music, arts and crafts, storytelling and activities.

Archery

Axe throwing

Wood chopping

Human targets – water tank

Rounders/soft ball

Water balloon fight

A Petting corner

Dance off

Sports day

Games console area

It's a Knockout challenges

Community team building exercises

Live music

Poetry

Open mic

Rapping workshops

Beatbox workshops

Food vendors

Pizza

Burgers

Fish and chips

Vegan food

Duck truck

BBQ

Funding

Change X funding will be spent directly on entertainment and food for the event.

Gressenhall is owned by Norfolk County council and should be free on charge. To be confirmed with Norfolk Museum services

In the event of using the Discovery centre, some funding will be required to pay for the venue.

Norfolk County council will pay for transport of the care leavers to and from the event.

Norfolk County council will pay for all of their support staff to be there, participation champions, personal advisers, social workers out of their contracted work hours.

Funding will pay for food vendors, activity staff, entertainment.