




## **BRIGHT SPARKS & CARDIFF PARTICIPATION SERVICE**

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**Joint Meeting with  
Bright Sparks &  
Cardiff Corporate  
Parenting Advisory  
Committee**

**Held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>  
October 2021**

- Engagement with Committee members in a meaningful and fun way
- Face to Face Meeting
- Alternative to attending a CPAC committee meeting
- Bright Sparks to update on work related to Corporate Parenting Strategy
- Young People to have the opportunity to meet the Councillors and gain an insight into their role



# Exhibit of Care Leavers in Focus Photography

- Background to PhotoVoice – Care Leavers in Focus
- Themes from Photography Project: Identity, Belonging, On-going Support, Being Prepared, Voice, Looking Forward
- Examples of Work
- Next Steps



## Meeting Activities

- Setting of the scene by Bright Sparks Member
- Icebreaker Bingo
- Quiz hosted by Bright Sparks
- Insight into the role of Committee Members
- Corporate Parenting Strategy & Bright Sparks Members

# Principal Themes from Corporate Parenting Strategy Discussion

## **Priority 1 - Improving Emotional Wellbeing & Physical Health**

- Waiting Times for Mental Health Services and care

## **Priority 2 - Better Connections – Improved Relationships**

- Number of Social Workers
- Sibling Contact

## **Priority 3 - A comfortable safe and stable home, whilst in care and afterwards**

- Lack of Safety Net after entering Independent Living



**Principal  
Themes from  
Corporate  
Parenting  
Strategy  
Discussion**

**Priority 4 - Educational Achievement,  
Employment and Training**

- Experiences of stigma

**Priority 5 - Celebrating successes of  
children and young people**

- Need for Increased support and encouragement



# The Next Steps

- Joint Meeting for CPAC and Bright Sparks in 2022
- Consideration of attending CPAC Meeting

## Thoughts on the Meeting

“I’m glad that I came today – I got my point across and got to explain what it is like for us. I would like to do that again, it is important that they listen”

“It was very interesting and good to speak directly instead of through a Social Worker or Advocate”

**QUESTIONS?**

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