



**PARTICIPATION SERVICE UPDATE
FOR CARDIFF CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Bright Sparks Awards 2021

The Awards are the annual highlight of the Bright Sparks Club. 2021 will be its 15th year, it is the planning and organising that enable young people to feel empowered and heard. The event has been an excellent example of good practice in Participation.

“Participation means listening to children and taking their views meaningfully into account. All children should be supported to freely express their opinion; they should be both heard and listened to”.

(The Children’s Commissioner for Wales , “The Right Way”)



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Bright Sparks Awards 2021

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Due to plans to increase membership and hopefully an end to Covid 19 restrictions, the planning and event this year will be very different. Early planning will include:

- **Awareness of available budget**
- **Date & Time**
- **Theme**
- **Venue**
- **Invitations – Creation of & who to invite**
- **Individual roles of Bright Sparks Members**

Bright Sparks Awards 2021

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- **Re-consideration of award categories**
- **Nomination Procedure**
- **Catering**
- **Entertainment & auditions**
- **Speakers**
- **Running Order**
- **Decisions on award givers**
- **Creation of running order**
- **Rehearsals**
- **Decoration/Design of room**

Working Together in Partnership For 2021 Awards

- **Corporate Parenting Officer**
- **Strengthening Bright Sparks Club**
- **Will be developed based on feedback from young people**
- **Incorporating virtual element**
- **Consider change of model (celebration event/Workshops/Awards incorporated)**

Increasing Bright Sparks Membership

- **Building on connections made when publicising the consultation event**
- **Co-hosting virtual monthly Drop-In**
- **Joint presentations and networking activities with Cardiff Project Co-ordinator**
- **Continuous networking**

**Future
Direction of
Bright
Sparks – 1st
of 5
Priorities**

1st Priority-Emotional Well-being

- **Creation of a guide to being in care and a website to store things important to CYP**
- **Opportunities to share experiences of using mental health services**
- **Support to develop skills to promote wellbeing e.g. Mindfulness and physical activity via Social Media**
- **A participation update report will be provided at each committee meeting which will outline engagement and consultation activities that have taken place based around each priority**

Links to CPAC

Young people will confirm how they would like to engage with members of CPAC in future

Activities outside of Committee meetings are to be planned for e.g.

- **“Getting to know you” events**
- **Consideration of attending CPAC meetings**
- **Information sharing workshops**
- **Regular updates on work of Bright Sparks**

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