



## LTA Let's Take Action Group

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### Young Person of the year Mayor's Award

Savannah, a member of the LTA group, won the 2017 /18 Young Person of the Year Mayor's Award. Savannah was nominated and chosen due to her drive, determination and motivation to raise the views of young people across Stockton, shaping the Council's services. While supporting the work of the Local Authority Savannah was also holding down a part time job and a college course. A great role model for Young People in Care throughout Stockton.

### Foster Carers Achievement Awards



On Wednesday 20th June 4 members of the LTA attended the Foster Carer Achievement Awards at The Swan in Billingham. Prior to the awards, 11 members created a video to show their appreciation for what foster carers have done for them. This video was then shown to carers, councillors, managers and the Mayor. On the night two of the young people did an amazing job reading out an emotional speech about the support they had personally received. It was a fabulous event with all of the young people showing why they are such a credit to the carers who support them.

### Apprentices

Youth Direction has taken on two new apprentices to support the work with Children in Care in Stockton. Alisha successfully gained the Young Inspector's role and will be working to improve the Council's services. Ryan was also successful and will be working with the LTA group to increase young people's participation in projects/services, and to make sure that their views are heard. Please email Jamie Wassell on [Jamie.wassell@stockton.gov.UK](mailto:Jamie.wassell@stockton.gov.UK) if you would like the apprentices to support your project or inspect your service.

### Presentation with the Regional Children in Care Council



On Wednesday 23rd May a member of the LTA group joined other young people from Newcastle, North Tyneside, Sunderland and Middlesbrough to close the Raising Aspirations Conference at Teesside University. The focus of the presentation was to deliver activities to encourage the professionals to think about their own practice. The group also discussed how far the Regional Children in Care Council has come, what they have been involved in and what they have changed since it started in 2015. Hannah did an amazing job to stand and deliver in front of 80+ professionals.



## Wembley

On Sunday 20th May, 29 young people, councillors and managers enjoyed a trip to Wembley Stadium to watch Stockton Town Football club in the final of the FA Vase Cup. Unfortunately, Stockton Town didn't win but the experience of going to the national stadium to cheer on your local football club is something the young people will never forget. Even though it was an early start and late finish the young people represented themselves and the Local Authority in a very positive light, and were impeccably behaved throughout. Overall the day was a great success and is still being talked about today by both the young people and their carers.



Fourteen members of the LTA participated in a day at Xscape skiing, sledging and a spot laser tag.



Fourteen members of the younger PA group enjoyed a day at York in the Dungeons, at York Chocolate Story and on York Cruises.



Eighteen members of both the LTA and PA group enjoyed a day at Carlton Lodge kayaking and climbing.

## Staff recruitment

On the 11th and 12th April seven members of the LTA took part in job interviews for new Family Outreach Support Workers. The young people planned their own questions, scored the candidates and fed back to the management.

The following week on the 17th April four members of the LTA group were again involved in interviews, this time for new Social Workers. The young people did an amazing job, were very professional and had their feedback valued in the selection of the new employees.

For more information on joining the LTA 12+ group or the Positive Activities Group (8-12 years old) please contact Jamie on [Jamie.wassell@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:Jamie.wassell@stockton.gov.uk) or mobile 07824529643.

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