



Integrated Service for Looked After & Adopted Children

Community & Leisure Development

Community & Leisure Development forms part of the Integrated Service for Looked After & Adopted Children (ISL). The Community & Leisure Development worker provides an enhanced countywide service supporting carers and children in the looked after system within Worcestershire.

Our Aims

- Promoting and supporting the community & leisure needs of Looked After Children
- Working in partnership to provide a holistic approach to meet the needs of Looked After Children within community & leisure settings
- Supporting carers to provide stable and secure placements that promote positive relationships and meet emotional needs through community & leisure activities
- Enabling Looked After Children to engage in community & leisure facilities by improving access and opportunities to participate
- Raising the profile and advocating the inclusion of Looked After Children within community & leisure settings

Who can we offer support to?

- Worcestershire children and young people who are looked after and who live or go to school in Worcestershire
- Worcestershire Foster Carers and their own children
- Worcestershire residential carers
- Other professionals
- Community & Leisure settings and organisations

What kind of support can we provide?

- Providing advice, guidance and information on community & leisure provision
- Signposting to community & leisure activities and organisations
- Distribution of community & leisure information to carers and young people
- Co-ordinating targeted community & leisure intervention and diversionary activities in time of need
- Facilitating community & leisure projects for Looked After Children, e.g. Summer Activities Programme
- Supporting the needs of Looked After Children when in community & leisure settings and matching young people to the appropriate activities
- Supporting professionals in providing training, and raising awareness for community & leisure settings
- Liaising between agencies, services and providers to ensure provision for Looked After Children is appropriate and accessible by contributing to strategic planning, policy development and joint planning of activities
- Signposting Worcestershire Looked After Children and carers to the provision of local leisure passes. (All Worcestershire Looked After Children, foster carers and their own children are entitled to discounted leisure passes in their local area)
- Monitoring of the community & leisure needs of Worcestershire Looked After Children
- Providing training to carers and professionals on community & leisure activities and raising the awareness of Looked After Children to local leisure providers



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Key areas of community & leisure provision

Community & Leisure activities encompass a variety of activities and include any purposeful activities outside of school hours. It is a general term used to embrace different types of activities that take place in the local community. This can include informal recreational activities like cycling and swimming, more formal types of activities like scout groups and playing for the local football team, or other individual, group or family activities.

This list is not exhaustive, but highlights the wide range of possible activities, including:

- Arts and Crafts
- Drama / Theatre
- Dance
- Music
- Sport
- Youth clubs / uniformed groups
- Trips out
- Play schemes
- Holiday activities
- Libraries
- Museums / cultural activities
- Ranger / countryside service activities
- Outdoor education / pursuits
- Leisure pursuits e.g. quad biking, karting etc.

For further information support or advice:

If you have any questions or would like to access our support please contact the Community & Leisure Development Worker for Looked After Children in the following ways.

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