

Speakerbox, is a group of looked after young people who care about the rights and welfare of young people in care. We do what we can to make sure that young peoples views are taken into account.

<u>What we are doing</u>	<u>The progress</u>
<p data-bbox="363 533 675 562"><u>The Speakerbox Magazine</u></p> <p data-bbox="244 595 794 656">This is a rolling task as, as soon as an issue comes out, we are preparing for the next one.</p>	<p data-bbox="826 533 1206 562">An issue is just about to go out.</p>
<p data-bbox="424 795 616 824"><u>Link- Up Project</u></p> <p data-bbox="239 857 802 981">We are mentoring social work students who study at Southbank and are on placement in Southwark. We are all required to hand in a piece of work for this.</p>	<p data-bbox="826 795 1385 947">We have completed all of the mentoring sessions, now we are just producing evidence for our units so that we can get our award. We will be able to attend the university ceremony to get our qualification.</p>
<p data-bbox="403 1079 636 1108"><u>Speakerbox Council</u></p> <p data-bbox="239 1142 802 1525">We are setting up two Children in Care councils – one will be for 8 – 12 years olds and one for 13 and over. The council members of the 13 + group will coach the chair of the 8-12 group. There will be one monthly meeting per group. The younger group have requested 2 weekly meetings (this is to be piloted) We will need young people to take up the positions of: Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, PR, Advisers. All Southwark looked after children will have the chance to vote for who they prefer.</p> <p data-bbox="239 1559 802 1749">So far, we have had three recruitment/consultation meetings, which have been well attended. We are now putting our plans and ideas on paper. We will be holding another event to try to get more young people involved.</p>	<p data-bbox="826 1079 1385 1270">We are arranging one more recruitment session in a new venue to try to get more young people involved. We intend to write a report everything and will be organising a follow up session in the next couple weeks.</p>

Tell it how it was

We have completed some pilot interviews with some care leavers to find out what their care was like.

We have been asking young people questions about the care we received.