

Appendix 6

Update on Speaker Box's position on the London Pledge.

Lead Members and Directors of Children's Services have been asked to sign up to the London Pledge, which is a common set of core principles and promises to which each Council will add its own locally agreed pledges.

The London Pledge has been developed by way of a number of consultations events involving London Local Authorities, Members, Senior Officers and Young People. Speaker Box did a presentation at the launch of the London Pledge at the Oval with Young London, Roger Morgan Director of Children's Rights and DCSF.

The London Pledge is set out under the headings of the five Every Child Matters outcomes, which children and young people said were important to them.

The London Pledge has been discussed with Speaker Box members and it has been circulated through the Speaker Box magazine . 3 Speaker Box members also attended a conference in Birmingham in 2009 on Children in Care Councils where Council Pledges were discussed .

Speaker Box want to keep our own '10 Golden Rules' which will be updated regularly at the Speaker Box Council. Many Local authorities have also done their own Pledges and either not signed up to the London Pledge or signed up to just part . We think Southwark can adapt the London Pledge which would be acceptable to our young people.

We attach the London Pledge.. Most of the 46 pledges are ok. However the following pledges need some work or to be excluded. We will be discussing these further with LAC Services and agree a final version by mid year/ next Corporate Parenting committee we attend.

No 11	Resource Implications
No22	Further discussion needed
No25	Resource Implications
No26	Further Discussion
No 27	Resource Implications
No 28 &28	Resource Implications
No 29	Resource implications
No 30	Further Discussion
No 32	Resource Implications
No 35	Resource Implications (for leaflets)
No 39&40	Further discussion /word changing
No41	Further Discussion
No43	Resource implications
No 44	Resource implications
No 46	Further discussion /wording

Caroline Essiet
Fariah Nanhoo

Jan 2010

Southwark Children's Service

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Children in Care Council (Speakerbox) Project Worker

SERVICE AREA/ESTABLISHMENT/SECTION: Children' Services / Specialist Services and Safeguarding Division / Quality Assurance Unit

RESPONSIBLE TO: Corporate Parenting Group / QAU Service Manager for LAC
Childrens Rights and Participation Worker

RESPONSIBLE FOR: N/A

HOURS OF WORK:

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE:

Speakerbox is Southwark's Children in Care (CIC) Council. It consults with children in the Council's care on issues to do with participation, their care, and their concerns and represents their views to Southwark Council via the Corporate Parenting Committee ,Young Southwark and Southwark Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB). Speakerbox is the formal mechanism for CIC to have their views directly influence the strategic decisions affecting their lives.

The Speakerbox Project Worker will help facilitate the Speakerbox Group and its various projects and liaise with the Corporate Parenting Board ,Young Southwark and SSCB.

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To help with the day to day running of Speakerbox including advocating for children and young people ;collating research material; assisting with editing the termly Speaker Box Magazine; designing leaflets and other communications with CIC; undertaking administrative duties such as recording and typing minutes; making phone calls to young people; mail outs.
2. To help promote the Speakerbox consultation group to children and young people looked after by Southwark Council, foster carers and social workers.
3. Co-facilitate the presentation of Speakerbox views to the Corporate parenting Committee
4. Co-facilitate the Speakerbox group meetings with the support of The Children's Rights and Participation Worker.
5. Participate in and provide training and presentations to children and young people, workers groups, other groups as required.

6. Apply the principles of equality and diversity to include children and young people from a range of backgrounds including those with special needs or disabilities.
7. To take responsibility for continually evaluating the impact of consultation on children and young people and assist in the annual review of the consultation group with the Children Rights and Participation Worker.
8. To lead or co-lead a number of relevant participation and consultation or training projects identified by Speakerbox
9. To assist in keeping finance records for Speakerbox Projects
10. To Liaise with a network of agencies on matters relating to Speakerbox

YOUR SKILLS:

Essential

Be a Southwark Looked after young person or eligible , relevant or former relevant young person as defined by the Children Leaving Care Act 2000.

Basic literacy & numerical and IT skills with a willingness to develop further skills

Desired Skills or potential to learn the following skills

- Good attendance and timekeeping
- Able to work well in a team and independently
- Able to interact and communicate with variety of professionals and children and families including speaking in group situations
- Able to organise their work load and work to deadlines
- Basic report and letter writing and account keeping

YOUR COMMITMENT:

Conditions of Work per week by agreement; these will include flexible working and require attendance during some working days in normal office hours and some evening or weekend meetings with young people or Councillors and Council Officers.

This job description sets out the duties of the post at the time when it was drawn up. Such duties may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed. Such variations are a common occurrence and cannot of themselves justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.