

## Participation Service

Did you know that Salford's Children in Care Council is called Fight for Change Council (FFCC)?

**Who is it for?** All children and young people who are cared for and Care Leavers looked after by Salford City Council

### Get involved with FFCC and its on-line Community

Fight for Change Council (FFCC) provides forums for all cared for children and young people to influence decision making and aims to make positive changes to services that affect them.

#### When does it meet?

FFCC usually meets **every other Wednesday** at the Barnardo's Children's Rights Service building from **5.30pm to 7.30pm** and every two months one of these meetings is with members of the City Council.

#### How to get involved?

- **Get in touch**—our contact details are on the back.
- **Come to the meetings** and see what young people are saying & doing .



## Contact details

You can contact us by:

**Phone:** 0161 707 0222

**Free phone:** 0800 0856908 (not free from most mobile phones)

**Email:** [scrs@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:scrs@barnardos.org.uk)

**Post:** 222 Eccles Old Road, Salford,  
M6 8AL

**Website:** [www.barnardos.org.uk/scrs](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/scrs)

### Children and young people:

You can ask an adult to contact us on your behalf if you prefer.



We take referrals from young people and professionals.

## Salford Children's Rights Service



**Advocacy,  
Independent Visitor  
and Participation Service**

## Who we are



**We are an independent advocacy, befriending and participation service for Salford's children and young people who are:**

- Looked after Children
- Leaving Care
- On a Child Protection Plan at risk of becoming Looked After
- On a Child in Need Plan who are at risk of moving into the Child Protection area.

**We can provide young people with an advocate and/or an independent visitor.**

## Our Advocates

An advocate is a person who supports a young person and helps to explain and say what they want. Their role involves:

- Helping young people to ensure that their views are heard, so that their problems can be sorted out and their rights met.
- Helping young people to put their wishes and feelings across about decisions that are being made about their lives.
- Helping young people to speak up for themselves or speak on their behalf if that's what they want.
- Giving young people information and the support they need to get in touch with other professionals when required.



## Our Independent Visitors

An independent visitor (IV) is one of our volunteers that is trained to work with looked after children and young people and those leaving care.

Their role involves:

- Contributing to a young person's social, emotional and educational development.
- Making regular visits as agreed with the young person, their carers and social worker.
- Maintaining contact between visits as agreed with the young person by phone, e-mail or letter.
- Befriending and taking an interest in the young person and ensuring their personal safety and welfare.
- Being aware of and seeking to promote any needs specifically related to the young person and to challenge discrimination.
- Respect confidentiality within Barnardo's boundaries.
- Have fun and spend enjoyable times together!