

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We collaborated with Key Assets to host the amazing Sibling and Easter Party at Kids Paradise in April. Everyone participated in the groups challenge and we got so much great feedback about how awesome the event was.

Bec and Danni headed up to the Northwest to do a National Youth Advisory Group. It was pretty special and got some really great feedback around Education and Employment. Thanks to those who participated.



VIEWPOINT

Have you heard about Viewpoint?

It is an online survey you can do to let the Department know how you're going and what you need.

We are so excited to announce that Viewpoint can now be used!

With the help of Youth Change Makers, the questions are ready. Lots of Child Safety Officers have begun showing children and young people how to log in and use Viewpoint. Each Viewpoint has questions about the 6 areas of wellbeing to check that you are ok and what you need.

The 6 areas are:

- Being loved and safe
- Having the things you need
- Participating
- Learning
- Culture and identity
- Being healthy

Did you know there are two different Viewpoints? The first is for 5-11 year old children and the second is for 12-17 year old young people in care.

Would you like to try it? Ask your Child Safety Officer now!

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YOUNG CONSULTANT ANN

GOES GLOBAL!

Hi my name is Ann, I'm 18, a Tasmanian Aboriginal and I've been in care for around 12 years. I had an amazing opportunity to travel to Cambodia in Year 10 with school. It was an incredible experience that cannot be described in words, but an amazing opportunity! The trip was an emotional roller coaster but it was a memorable time, being able to learn from the Cambodian people, there history and there culture. The Cambodian people have been through so much!

We got to meet lots families and children in their villages and experience there smiles and gratitude when we gave out the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. Seeing that not every child had the opportunity to go to school, or to have the experiences that I do, was heartbreaking. It made me realise how much we have in Australia and not to take things for granted.

I'm so thankful that I was able to participate in this trip and will remember it always. It has been life changing and for those reading this, it's a reminder that you can do anything, nothing should limit



ANN'S EXPERIENCE

you, as long as you put your mind to it! I personally never thought I'd be able to have this experience, but with hard work and going through the steps I was able to go.

I would like to thanks my carers (Mum & Dad), my school and Child Safety Officers that were part of helping me make this trip happen. If it wasn't for your support I would not have been able to go!



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FUN GALORE!

It has been so good getting back out and running events again! With a splashing waterslide Party in Ulverstone where some of our awesome Young Consultants led team games, to a super fun Easter and Sibling Party in Launceston where families worked together to complete challenges and win prizes! Again, we couldn't have run this without our amazing Young Consultants. We also held some fantastic CREATE Your Future Workshops, hitting the high ropes course in Hobart; a sure boost of confidence facing our fears! We also a workshop at Zoo Doo where we fed some crazy emus, camels and patted a snake. Haven't attended a CREATE event before? You are more than welcome to be involved! Find out how on the back page.



***GOODBYE
BILL!!!***

Hey everyone!! I want to use this space to send a huge thank you to everyone who I've worked with through the Child Advocate's Youth Change Makers.

I have now finished up my position running the Youth Change Makers. Over the past 2 years, it's been inspiring to work with so many young people to help make the system better.

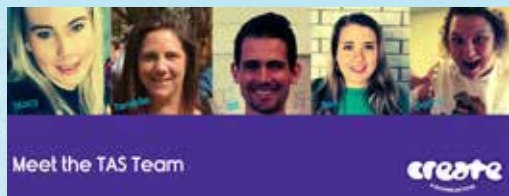
Some of the projects we've helped with: making the Viewpoint survey, starting Care Teams for all children and young people in care, working with the Transition to Independence team and the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

**So sad to be leaving you all!
Thanks for being awesome!!**



EVENTS CALENDAR *COMING SOON!*

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	TIME	CONTACT
July	Speak Up Program	South	TBC	Stacy
July	CREATE Your Future	South	TBC	Bec
July	YAG	North	TBC	Tenielle
August	YAG	South	TBC	Tenielle



Do you want to tell your story? Do you want to show other young people in care and everyone else how awesome young people in care can be? Do you want to boost your confidence and skills?

Speak Up is totally for you! We have new Speak Up Workshops being planned and a camp, so contact us today!

GET IN CONTACT

If you would like to register for any of our events, find out the missing details or get information about CREATE head to our TAS page on www.create.org.au or contact us at **03 6281 9243** or tas@create.org.au



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