WHY DO CARE LEAVERS CONSTITUTE A QUARTER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE?

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fewer than 1% of children are in care…

…yet they make up 25% of people experiencing homelessness

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PLACEMENT STABILITY

80,850

Children in Care

56,595

1 Placement

7,276

2+ Placements

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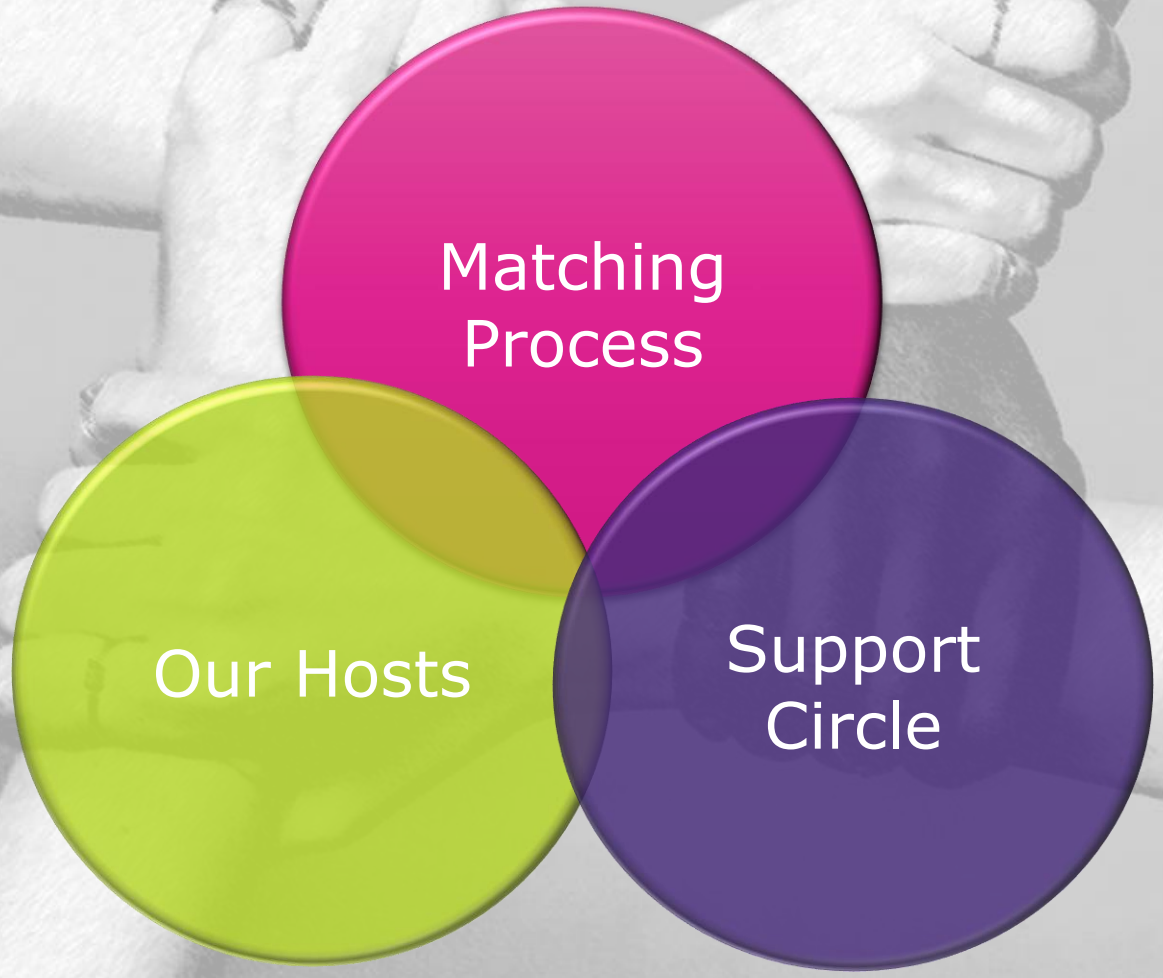

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Matching Process

Our Hosts

Support Circle

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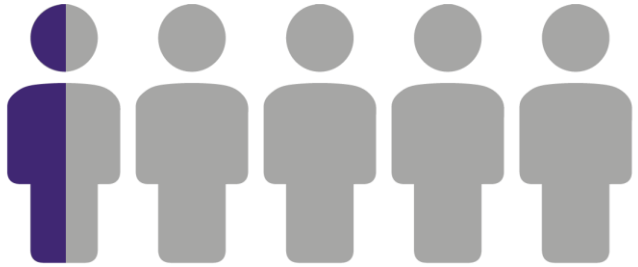
NEET – A BARRIER TO SUCCESS



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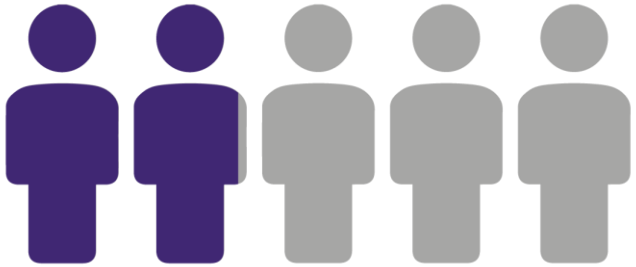

39% of care experienced 16-24 year olds are not in education, employment or training

47% of all young people go to university

6% of care leavers go to university

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FROM NEET TO EET

Support from Host

Support from Step Worker

Relationships with colleges and training providers

Material support

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LUCY'S STORY

"Step by Step taught me that anything I put my mind to, I can achieve."

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THE WEIGHT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

AVOIDING FINANCIAL INSTABILITY

96% of our young people lack basic life skills

Personalised pathway

Identify goals & ambitions

Teach vital life skills

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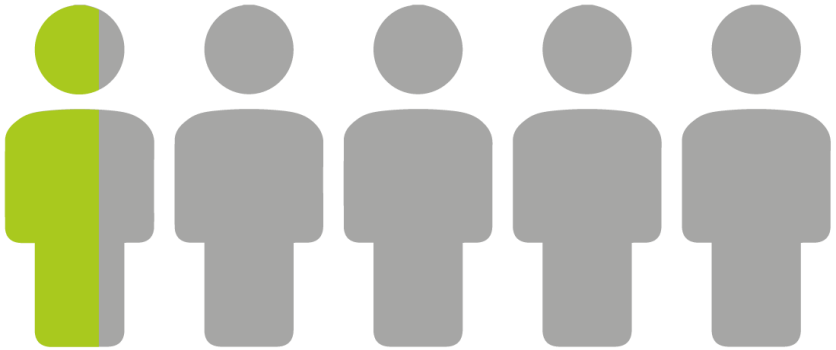
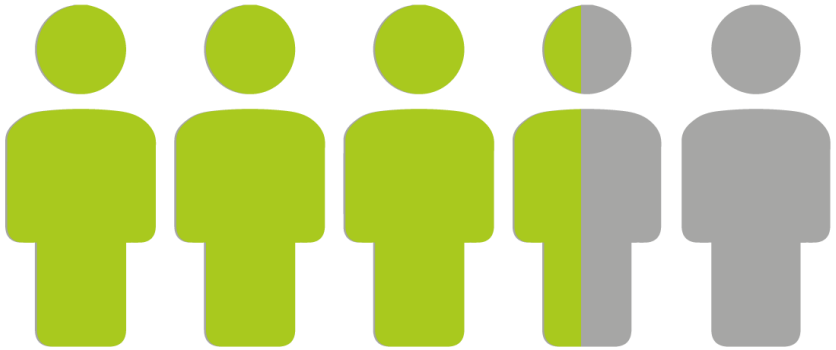


15% of young people not in care have a classifiable mental health disorder



67% of young people in care have a classifiable mental health disorder

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FEELINGS ABOUT LEAVING CARE

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TAILORED HELP & SUPPORT

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Accommodation and support

Information and advice service

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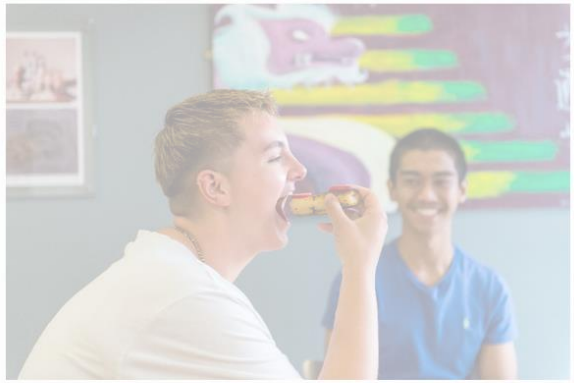

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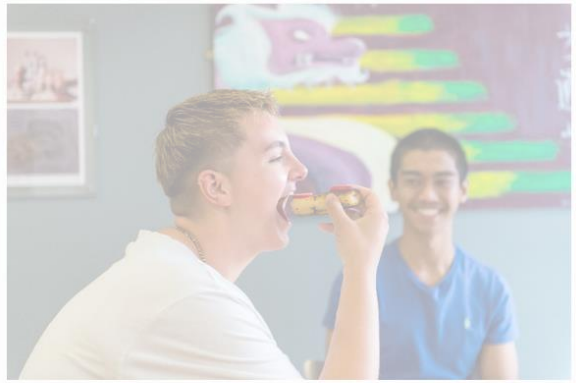

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HARRY'S STORY

"This is the happiest I've been for a long time."

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25% OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE CARE EXPERIENCED

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THE DIFFERENCE WE MAKE IN A YEAR

1,189 young people accessed our **services**

367 young people were **accommodated** in Foyers and Supported Lodgings

90% of those young people **progressed positively**

530 young people attended **1,788 counselling sessions**

85% of those who received counselling showed an **improvement in wellbeing**

2,206 school children reached through **peer education**

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