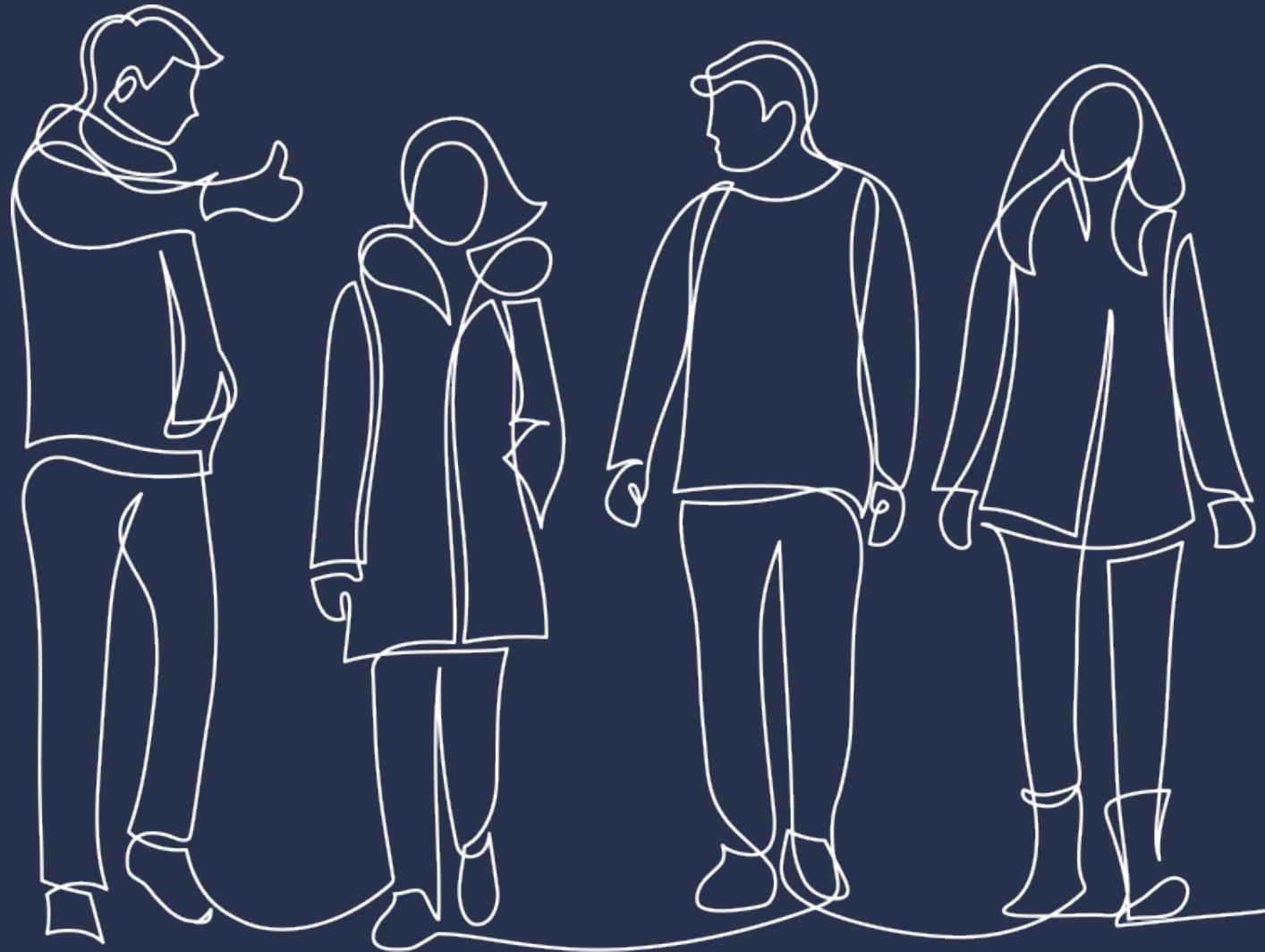
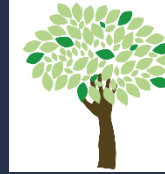


# Beyond Limits

## Mentoring Scheme

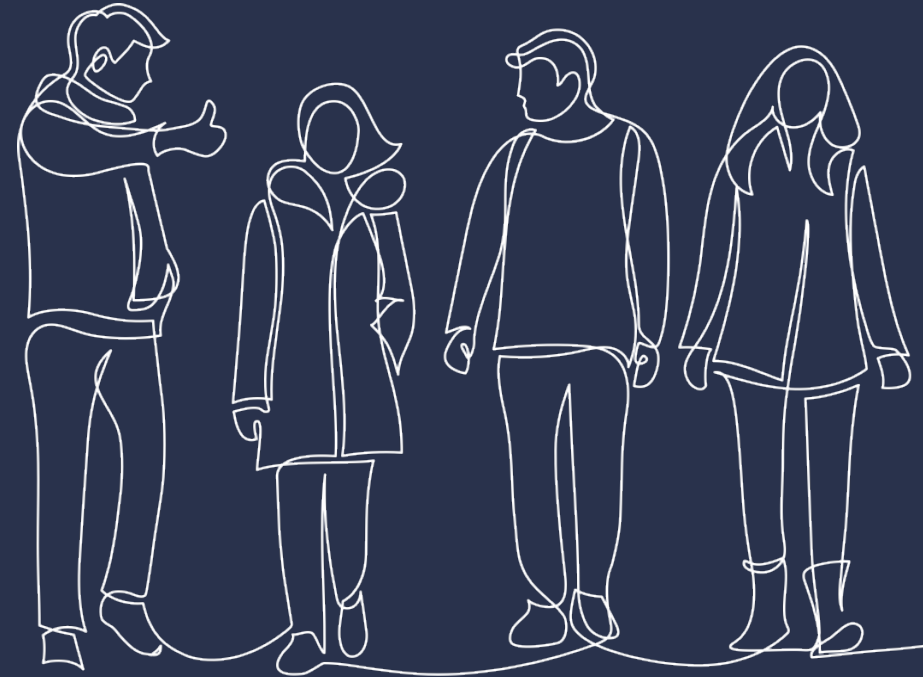




# Agenda

## Beyond Limits

- Who are we and why do we need Beyond Limits
- The role of the Beyond Limits Mentor
- Beyond Limits Publicity
- First-hand accounts from two mentors
- Inside Out – your input required
- Mentor training and current delivery of support

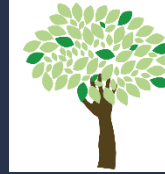




# Who are we?

- We are care experienced and all over 18
- We each have our own story – from volunteering to parenthood

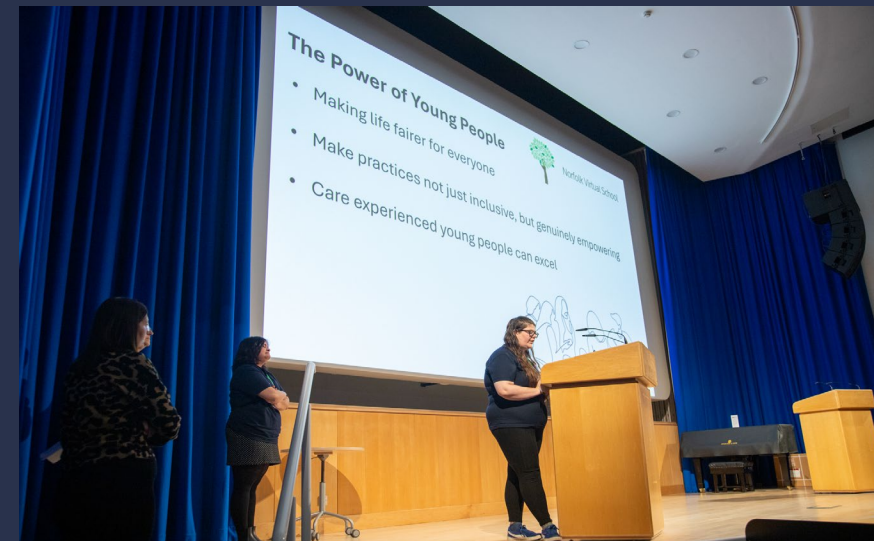




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# How we began

- Launched at the Virtual School bi-annual conference in December 2025
- Alumni mentors actively involved throughout the day





# Why are we here?

- To offer a listening ear and support from our own lived experience
- We feel we would have benefited from something like this



# The Role of the Mentor – to employers, educators and professionals



Offer an insight into what it is like to be care experienced



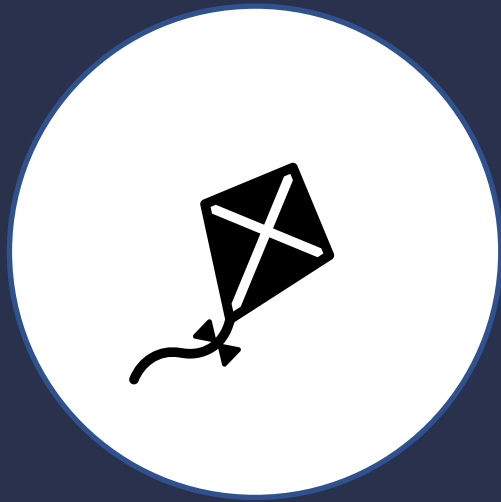
Explain the little extra help that may be needed



Highlight the extra skills that care experienced people have



# The Role of the Mentor — to young people



To raise aspirations and be positive role models

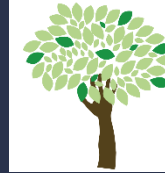


Non-professional help and advice from our own lived experience



To be someone who can just listen and be non-judgemental





# Beyond Limits Website



Support for Post 16



Support for UASC



Trauma and attachment



Training



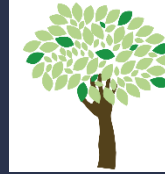
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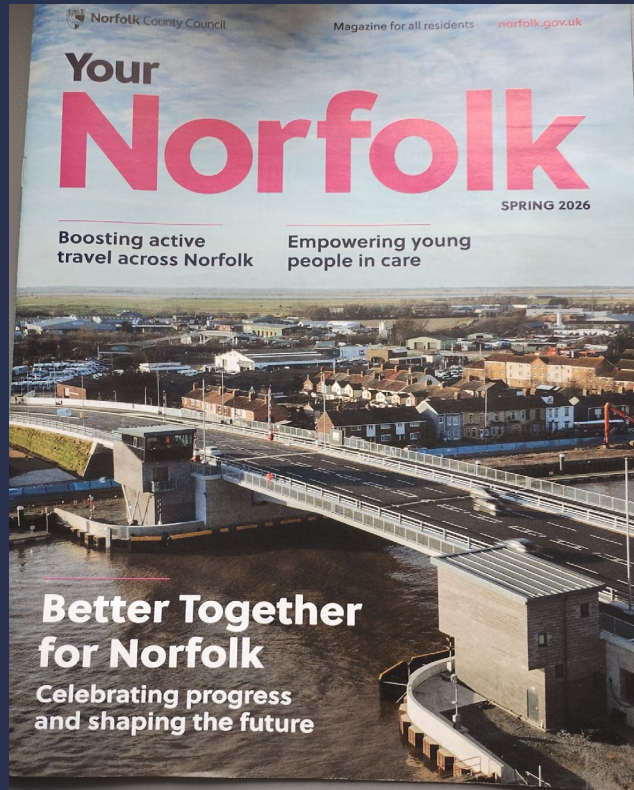
Beyond Limits Alumni Scheme



Virtual School newsletter



# Beyond Limits in the news

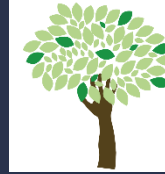




# The following is Angela's story







# Our aim

- We want the places where care experienced people live, work and train to be ones where they feel understood and supported
- To promote and inform of ways forward for young people



# Why I became a mentor – Amy-Leigh

- Mentor from the start-backing young people
- Care experience that built up my strength and confidence
- Helping others grow and believe themselves

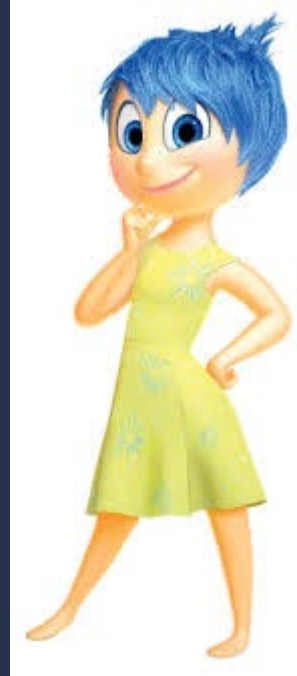


# Inside Out 2

Please watch the following clip and have a think about the following:

1. Why did Joys approach not work?
2. Why did Sadness' approach work?
3. How would you support Bing Bong?

Joy



Sadness



Bing Bong

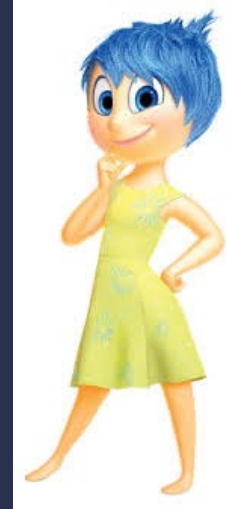




# Inside Out 2

Why did Joy's approach not work?

Joy



Sadness

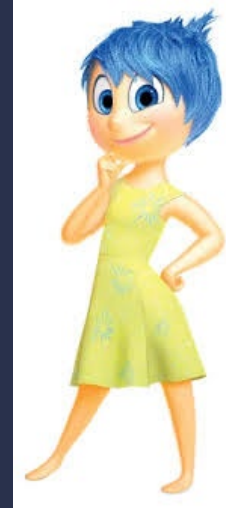


Bing Bong



# Inside Out 2

Joy



Sadness



Bing Bong

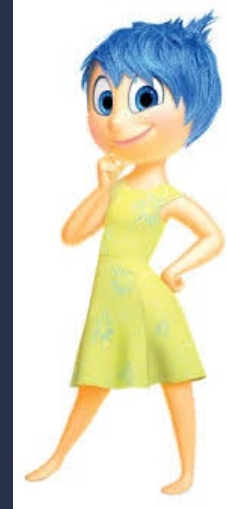


Why did Sadness' work?



# Inside Out 2

Joy



Sadness



Bing Bong

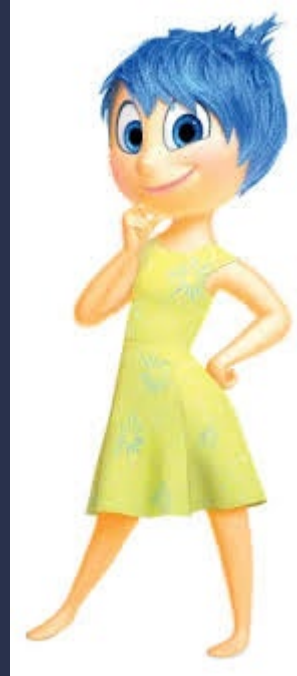


How would you have supported Bing Bong?



# Inside Out 2

- Being aware of how to approach a situation can change the outcome
- Example of how lived experience can help support someone



Joy



Sadness



Bing Bong

Beyond Limits mentors are here to compliment the work of SW's and PA's – by being an extra resource young people can call upon





# Partnering with the UEA

- We have partnered with the School of Social Work at the UEA
- Enabling those wishing to enter social work to care experienced people from the start of their training





# Mentor Training

- All mentors have gone through extensive training
- Being trauma aware and how to engage with young people effectively





# Mentor Training Qualification Achieved

**PROSPERO  
LEARNING**

This is to certify that

Jamie Waterson

has successfully completed the  
Prospero Learning training course

Intermediate Safeguarding in Education 2025/2026

Date of certification 03/11/2025

**Prospero Learning**



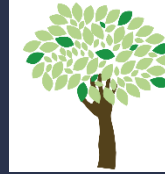


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# Developing further with The Care Leaders and House of Participation

- We are working on a set offer for school age young people through collaboration with The Care Leaders
- We are transforming the way we engage with young people through training from the House of Participation

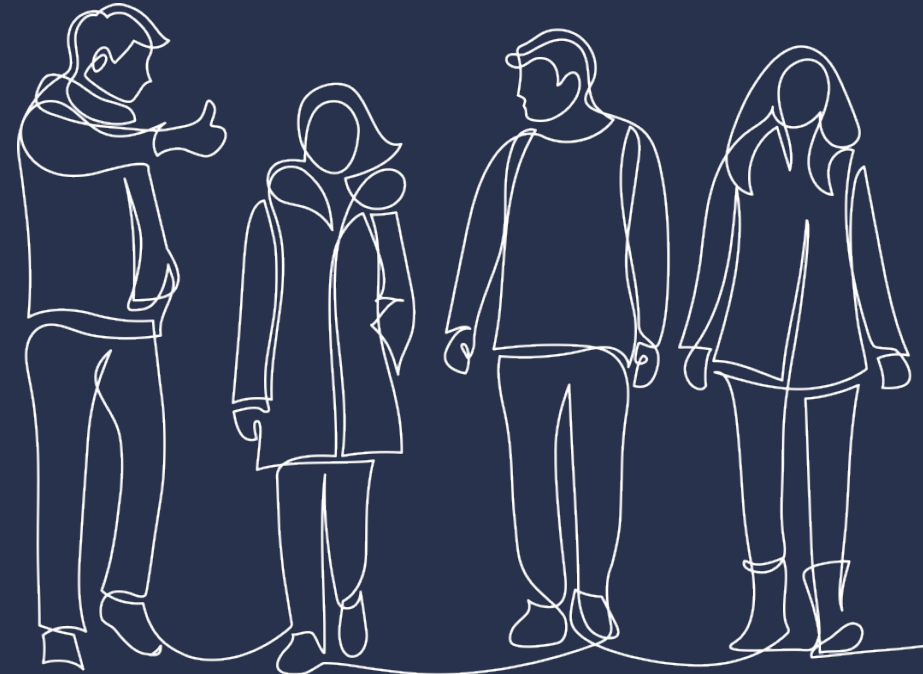




# Outcomes

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Reflections and your support





# Thank you

Any questions?

