



Care Leavers' Community



ONLINE

CARE

LEAVERS CAFE

REPORT JUNE 2023

INTRODUCTION

The third online cafe session of 2023 took place on June 25th 2023, on the topic “Celebrating Fruits of Care Leavers Connections”. The session was meant to be moderated by Lourdes Cafivela (Care Leaver, Namibia). Vidhika Gadia (Udayan Care, India) arranged the technical part.

PROGRAM

Check-in and welcome by Vidhika (Moderator)

Session by Vidhika on “Celebrating Fruits of Care Leavers Connections”

Documentary screening

Closure

CHECK-IN

The café started with a welcome by Vidhika. In total, 5 people from 3 different countries participated. The majority of the participants were care leavers. Additionally, there was one representative of the Organising

SESSION

After the introductions, Vidhika explained the reasons behind Lourdes (the host) not being able to attend and facilitated a short discussion on the topic. As the numbers were low, the decision was made to showcase a [short film](#) on care leavers, titled “Turning 18: The Invisible Youth- Leaving Care in India”. After this, the session was brought to a close.

PARTICIPANTS AND REGISTRATION

A total of **17 people** registered for the café, after many efforts to disseminate the information on social media and messaging groups. A [poster was created](#) containing all relevant information such as timing, topic, hosts, a QR Code leading to the registration link, and was posted on the GCLC social media handles ([Instagram posts and stories](#), [Twitter](#)). An emailer containing the same information was sent out to 873 people from a database created over time from the international conventions. Additionally, messages were sent on various group chats asking people to register for the session, such as the Care Leavers International WhatsApp group. The session concluded with **5 total participants from 3 countries**.

NEXT CAFÉ

The host for the next session was initially going to be decided by sourcing ideas and volunteers from the larger Care Leavers International group, however, due to a lack of responses, the decision was delayed. Dr. Aditya Charegaonkar volunteered to host the next session, on the topic ““The experiences of challenges and learning to Support the Youth Care Leavers during pandemic situation - (Relief work, Networking, Research, advocacy and policy transformation)”

The next Care Leavers Cafe will take place on

SUNDAY

30th July, 2023

13:30 GMT