



**Care Leavers' Community**



**ONLINE**

**CARE LEAVERS**

**CAFE**

**REPORT**

**NOVEMBER 2023**

**26th  
November  
2023**

**13:30 GMT**

**19:00 IST**

**PRESENTED BY  
Tanja Abou  
(Germany)**



## **ONLINE CARE LEAVERS CAFÉ**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The 9th online cafe session of 2023 took place in the month of December, 2023, on the topic “Resolution Revolution”. The session commenced on a warm note with the introduction of all the attendees onboard. The session was moderated by Ms. Tanja Abou (Germany). Surja Chauhan (India) arranged the technical part.

## **PROGRAM**

Check-in and welcome by Tanja & Surja

Updates and introductions by each participant and passing to next.

Session by Tanja Abou on “Creating Memories”

Q&A Session

# CHECK-IN

The café started with a welcome by Tanja. This was followed by introductions and check-ins from all the participants. In total, 25 people from 6 different countries participated. The participants were care leavers.

# SESSION

In the beginning of the session, a quick interesting introduction took place in which every participant had to introduce themselves.

After the Introduction, Tanja shared the [link](#) of the menti meter to understand “**How did your carers/foster families/social workers keep memories?**”. The presentation was started in which Ms. Tanja Abou briefed about the first Session on creating memories and then she introduced herself as a care leaver of Germany. She continues with the theme by Sharing experience. She also elaborated the topic with examples and shared the experiences of the Care Leaver who has written a book on himself.

Breakout rooms were created so that each participant can share their experiences and give inputs on how they can access the Memories that they have created in the Care homes. Then one participant from each room shared in the main rooms.

The session concluded with some of the recommendations on which every participant feels need advocacy. There was also the sharing of the challenges for the Care leavers not being active or part is due to language barriers and the limited resources. The session ended with an overwhelming note where participants came forward and shared their experiences too & all the participants thanked the forum for the very important session.

# PARTICIPANTS AND REGISTRATION

A total of **47 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, host, a QR Code leading to the registration link, and was posted on the GCLC social media handles ([Instagram posts and stories](#)). An emailer containing the same information was sent out to 821 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 **21 total participants from 5 countries**.

**India (15)**-Aditya, Mandira, Junita Kujur, Farida Begum, Pabitra Barman, Mintu,Raju Ali, Sujit Kumar Nanda, Shahid Malik, Amir Hussain, Surja, Dipti Das, Hajra Bano, Priyanika Rai, Kriti Kumar

**Sri Lanka (2)**-Nimali & Amandi

**Germany (2)**- Marie Demant & Tanja Abou

**Nepal (1)**- Meera Budhatthoki

# NEXT CAFÉ

The host for the next session is Akpene “Sharing of the achievements of the Ghana regional Care Leavers Network”.

**The next Care Leavers Cafe will take place on**

## SATURDAY

## 30 December, 2023

## 13:30 GMT

**Inputs from the Care Leavers to access the Memories**

Please find the PPT of the session [here](#)

How did your carers/foster families/social workers keep memories?  
18 responses

photos and communication  
photo albums  
love the children where i raised so it's ok  
care photos  
videos in file  
report bitter joyful  
i don't know  
never forgot  
also i work on that cci  
by memories deeply

## Who tells your story?



How do you Keep memories (yourself) - but you can share any thoughts on memories :)

Is it what are your childhood memories

Or

How you keep memories

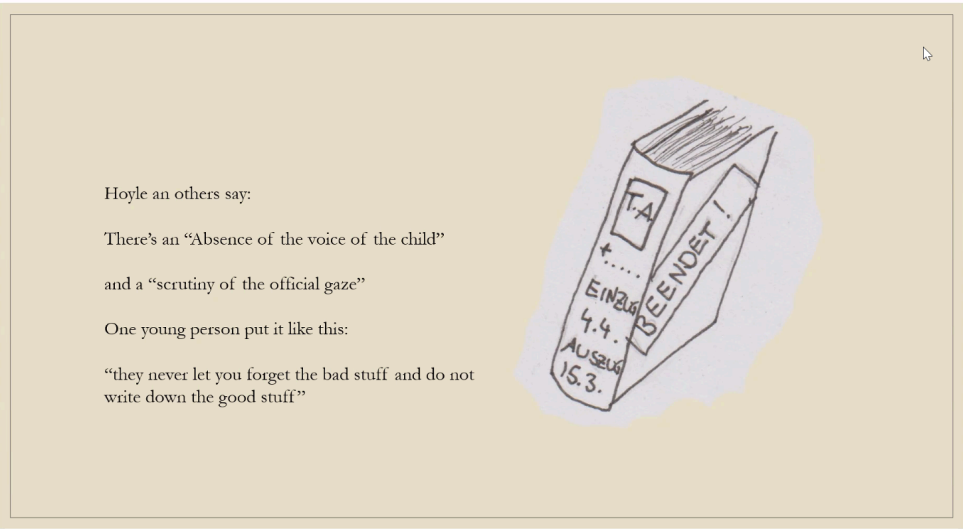
I do keep my memories through frequently and keep sharing with my childhood friends, counselor and the teachers.

I have so many memory of my childhood when it was my birthday but i was so sad because no one was there to gave a gift to me but suddenly one of our sir who was from Canada CEO of our school he gave me a headphone amd so many dry fruits i was so glad to received that and so surprised because no one known my birth date in our school

I kept my memories while writing my own biography which is planning to publish soon after I finish writing.

Jeffreys Chasi

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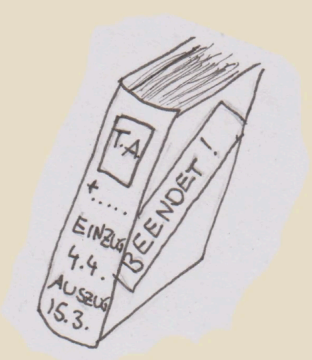
Hoyle an others say:

There's an "Absence of the voice of the child"

and a "scrutiny of the official gaze"

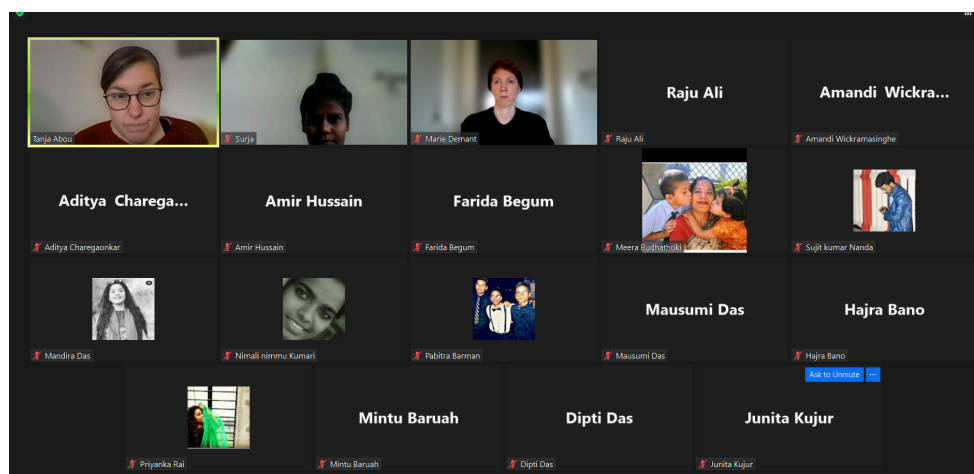
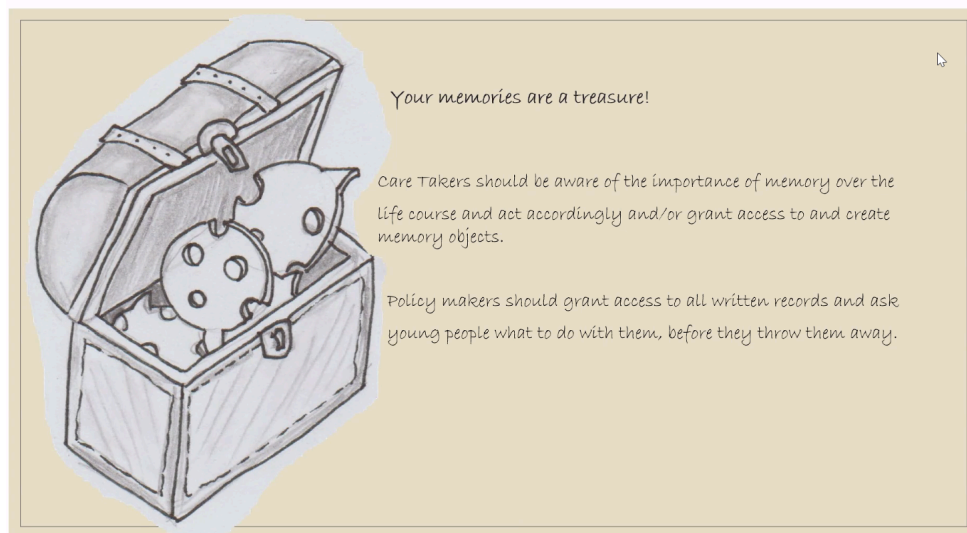
One young person put it like this:

"they never let you forget the bad stuff and do not write down the good stuff"



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## Feedback from Care Leavers

It is a very nice presentation from Tanja mam. Learn a lot of things about our childhood memories. Hope we will meet soon. Thank you for this beautiful golden memories session. Lots of love to all Careleavers' all over the world.

Marie Demant

Even not when you are adults? In Germany many young people never get to read their files. This is really interesting to compare internationally.

Hajra and Aditya had a deep conversation about the need to have advocacy to have the right to collect childhood memories.

Strong Advocacy and the mandate to have the childhood memories from the Care Homes.

Thank you so much for sharing your experience and .. also I want to thank you so much for this opportunity and this wonderful session.

