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Key Takeaways



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- Key take aways of the Care Leaver's Convention
 - Completed and ranked by care leavers via an online tool
- 17 key take aways!
- Today we share the 8 most important takeaways
 - How policy makers can help



“The heart family is as essential as the blood family!”

“Care Leavers Networks are like Families!”

“We must build our self-esteem despite our challenges because our struggles are our motivation!”

“May we never forget all Care Leavers who missed the boat: have scope for a second chance!”

“Would you do this to your own children?”

“We can and want to give back but support us in this process!”

“Together we shall stand to walk a Journey of Empowerment!”

“My LIFE is your JOB!”

“Those who decide for us have not lived our lives, so listen to us while making policies for us!”

“Nothing about us without us!”

“We stand for all care leavers, by care leavers and with care leavers as our motto!”



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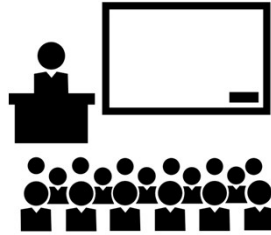
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Future ideas



life goals

a helping hand

a safety net

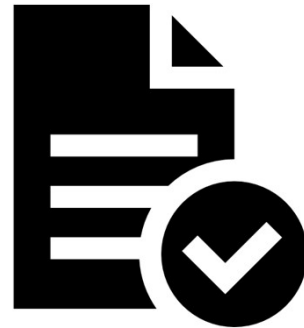
**We need to build an International
Care Leavers Network and work
towards the 2nd International Care
Leavers Convention, 2022**

sharing our
victories

presented by Nimmu



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challenges faced
by care leavers

100 care leavers
from 25 countries

We need to spread and advocate for our “Declaration by Care Leavers in times of COVID 19” among policy makers around the world

loss of jobs

no savings
to bank

an education is
a fundamental right

dreams of a
better life

read share and implement

presented by Neelam



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**We need free and quality access to
mental health services after leaving care**

presented by Karishma



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presented by Hallan



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International Care Leavers
Day, approved by the UN

Visibility for Care Leavers and
worldwide acknowledgement



Care Leavers
implemented at the UN

We should have a seat at the table at national and international forums, UN, etc.

Commitment fund for Care Leavers which is accessible
to the different Care Leavers Networks in the world

presented by Fabienne



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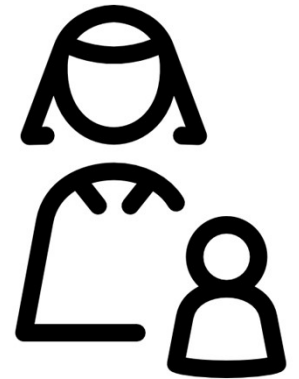
**25 should be the new 18 (soft landing
from planet youth care on planet earth)**

presented by Jack



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**We want caregivers who understand,
accept and nourish us.**
**We want to be better prepared for
leaving care.**



presented by Robin



What do you need for a good preparation?

1. Preparation needs time.
2. Care Leavers have to be informed about their rights.
3. Care leavers need perspectives.
4. Care leavers need a social network and aftercare support.



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What can you as a stakeholder do to improve care leavers' life?

1. Pass laws to ensure rights for care leavers, e. g. the right to stay in care, if you might become homeless.
2. Child and youth care facilities should have a concept how to improve the transition to adulthood.
3. Support youth and child care facilities financially to have good qualified institutions.



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**We want more participatory research on
our strengths, resilience and on challenges**

presented by Ruth



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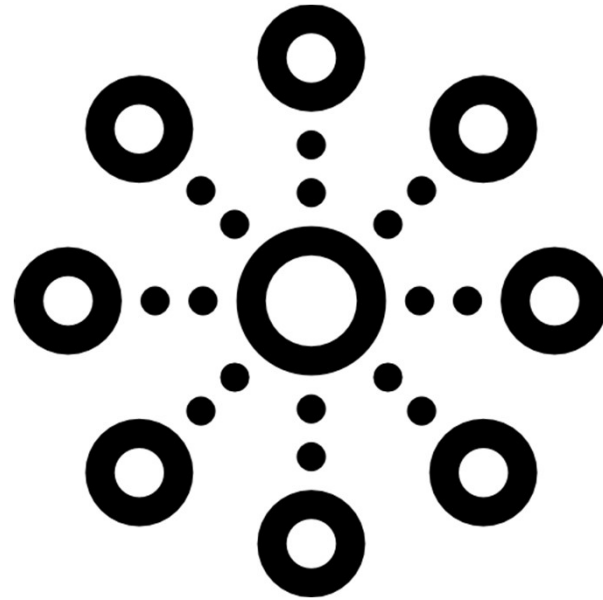
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