'Hear By Right' Champion

Lead Officer Job Description.

All Children and young people in Halton have the right to say what they think should happen, when adults are making decisions that affect them and to have their opinions taken into account. (UNICEF's version of Article 12: UN Convention on the Rights of the Child) To ensure this right is upheld the Hear by Rights standards aim to develop the participation of children and young people across Halton.

Commitment to Values

As a champion I will commit to the active involvement and participation of children and young people in all aspects of our work incorporating and adopting the Hear by Right standards in policy and practice across Halton.

Role and Function

To act as a positive focus for young people at a strategic level so as to ensure that full consideration is given to the impact of Council activities and decision upon young people.

Key Responsibilities

- 1. To promote the strategic issues affecting young people
- 2. To actively engage with the appropriate Council officers regarding emerging issues affecting young people
- 3. To continue to engage with young people
- 4. To contribute to the review and development of policy and issues affecting young people
- 5. To challenge and question the Council regarding issues affecting young people
- 6. To attend Council meeting and speak on issues affecting young people

7. To feedback Council decisions to young people through appropriate methods

Term of Office:

The Champion shall hold office until:

- 1. they resign from office
- 2. they are no longer a lead officer (incl. through suspension)
- 3. a new appointment process elects another Champion