



What happened on Gloucestershire Takeover Day!

Friday 11th November

We hope that you had a fantastic Takeover Day!

This should give you a bit more information about what happened and what will happen next!

A bit about Takeover Day

On Friday 11th November, just over 150 young people took part in 'Children's Commissioner's Takeover Day'. It was an opportunity for young people to take over jobs, find out what the jobs are about, and for adults to talk with young people and find out their views about services. Services were able to get direct views and opinions from young people.

What happened with Job Takeover?

Over 100 young people, aged between 10 and 20, took part in Job Takeover within the County Council, local Councils, Health, and local businesses.

Jobs that were taken over included;

- ☆ Chief Executive of Gloucestershire County Council, and lots of jobs in the County Council
- ☆ Chief Constable of Gloucestershire Police and Gloucester Police Officers
- ☆ MP for Stroud, MP for Cheltenham and County Councillors
- ☆ Editor for Citizen and Echo newspapers
- ☆ Jobs in the Fire and Rescue Service

Three primary schools and one special school organised their own 'Takeover Day' with pupils taking over a variety of jobs within the school.

Takeover Consultation Event

45 young people from schools and Gloucestershire College took part in a consultation event on 10th November at Colwell Arts Centre and gave their views on the issues facing children in care, children with disabilities, those children who live in poverty, Young Carers, children in domestic abuse situations and children who may need protecting. This information will be used to help us to make decisions about services and help us produce the '2012-15 Children & Young People's Partnership Plan'.

This is how young people said they benefited on Takeover Day

- Had the opportunity to express their views on services and give a fresh perspective and perception
- Gave their views on specific issues facing some children and young people
- Challenged services to do things differently
- Found out about specific jobs and different types of work
- Gained an insight into the Council and how it works
- Influenced services and made some decisions about particular issues
- Gained more knowledge
- Inspired to choose a specific career

This is how adults and services said they benefited from Takeover Day

- Gained young people's perspective and perception of services
- Received ideas on what works with young people
- Young people had a positive influence on project ideas, planning and future of services
- Opportunity to enthuse young people about their job
- Were prompted to reflect on the impact of the service and to think about the community
- Challenged to think of different ways of doing job
- Reviewed resources aimed at young people

What will we do next?

We will use the information and views from all of the Evaluation forms from young people and adults to help us to improve any future Takeover Day. We will follow up any actions with services to make sure that they find out the views of children and young people and listen to them.

Share the Challenge

Some services used the opportunity of Takeover Day to 'share a challenge' with young people, by finding out young people's views on local services and a group of young people from Children's Emotional and Wellbeing Service performed a drama around mental health issues.



Thank you for taking part in Gloucestershire Takeover Day, for giving your views and opinions, and for helping us to make changes in our services for you



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