

Children & Families Voice, Influence and Change Team

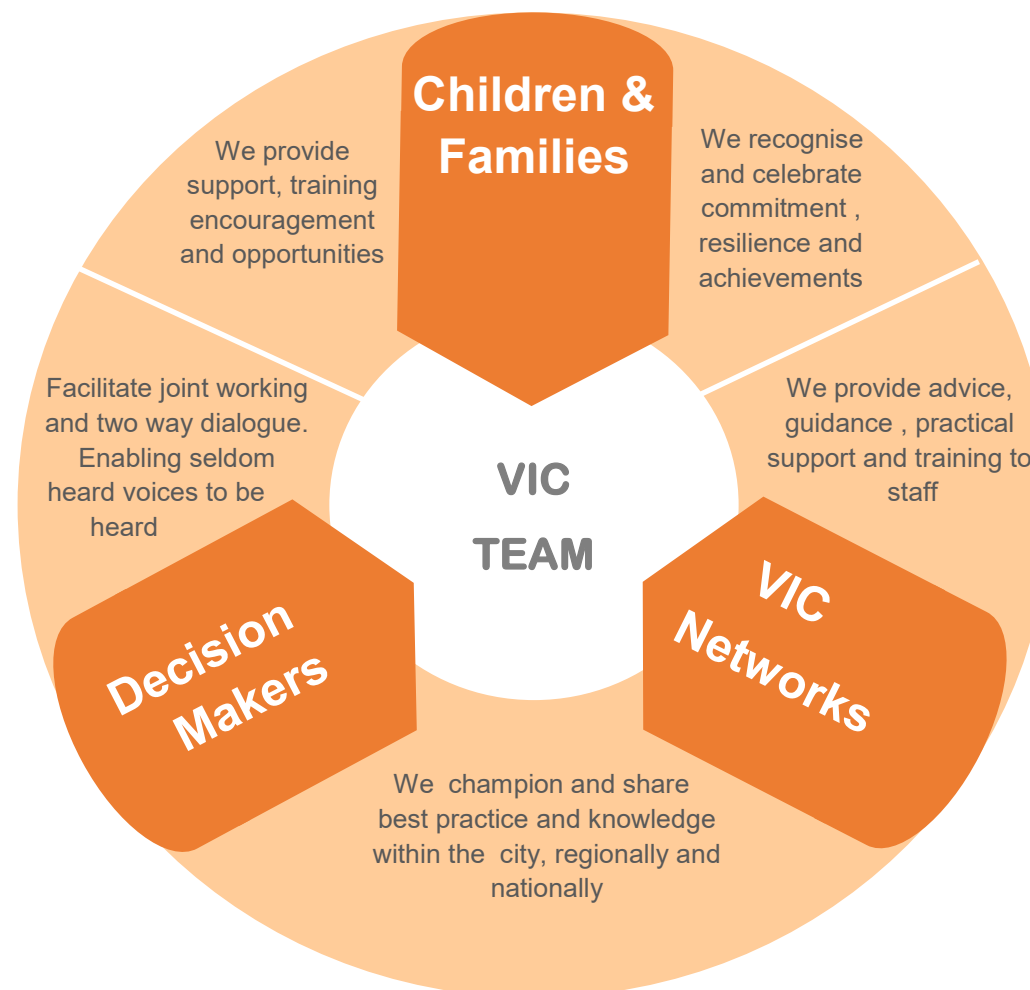
Our Approach 2023/24

“Enabling children, young people, parents and carers to influence decisions and services that affect their lives”

WHAT WE DO

- We champion the **rights** of CYP and families **to have a say** in decisions that affect their lives and shape the services they access.
- We challenge and support organisations and services to **meaningfully involve** CYP and families in decision making and feedback on outcomes of their involvement
- We **facilitate youth voice programmes** that support the delivery of the outcomes in the Children & Young People’s Plan and the Best City Ambition
- We **seek the views** of CYP and families to help identify key issues and priorities.
- We support CYP to develop and run **campaigns and projects**
- We develop **positive and supportive relationships** with the CYP and families we work with, **recognising and celebrating** their achievements.
- We create safe, welcoming environments for CYP and families to work together in groups, develop friendships and **strengthen their skills and confidence.**
- We facilitate **two way dialogue** between CYP, families and decision makers
- We provide **strategic and operational guidance**, support and training to staff
- We continually **review and refresh** our approach to maximise reach, improve outcomes for CYP and families and ensure value for money.
- We lead on the SEND Leeds Local Offer website, and ensure families are continually involved in the developments of the local offer and SEND Services.

HOW WE WORK



WHAT DIFFERENCE ARE WE MAKING

“Children and Young People feel they have a voice and influence and are active citizens” CYPP 2018-23

Evidence (every 6 months)

- We demonstrate impact by working in partnership to produce 3 voice and influence report cards:
- Citywide Voice and Influence: Children & Young People
 - Voice and Influence of Children and Young People: Children’s Social Work Services
 - Citywide Voice and Influence: Parents, Carers & Families

Measures (annual)

- CYP share how much they feel they have a say in their school, community and city in My Health My School survey
- Numbers of CYP voting in the Make Your Mark Ballot (UK Youth Parliament) and Leeds Childrens Mayor Elections
- Numbers responding to surveys and consultations

Accountability

- Team annual report
- Regular updates to strategic decision making boards
- Involving CYP & Families in identifying priorities, review and development strategies and policies, scrutiny enquiries
- Facilitate CYP to meet with Inspectors and share evidence
- Facilitate the Takeovers strategic Boards
- Monthly communication to young people’s mailing list
- Quarterly newsletters to VIC networks—1600 VIC Leads

Leeds Children’s Mayor || Leeds Youth Council
SEND Youth Forum || UK Youth Parliament
Youth Voice Summits || Have a Voice Council
Care Leavers Council || City Wide SEND Projects ||
Commissioning Panels || Recruitment Panels
Leeds Local Offer || Parents with CYP SEND



Our work support and contributes towards achieving aims of :

- [Best City Ambition](#)
- [Child Friendly Leeds Wishes](#)
- [Children & Young People’s Plan](#)

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- [Parent Carer Family Voice and Influence](#)
- [Leeds Local Offer \(SEND\) website](#)

Our Values & Behaviours

Respect
Restorative
Child centred
Meaningful
Inclusive
Innovative
Flexible

