

Why support our Aftercare service?

Life for young people leaving care in Edinburgh is an uphill struggle made significantly more difficult because of a severe lack of affordable housing. Most young people leave care without a supportive family network and often feel isolated and alone and they make the move into adulthood.

Young people that leave care have poor educational outcomes and are six times more likely to be classed as unemployed. Their health outcomes are also poor with 45% assessed as having a mental health condition. They are much more likely to use drugs and are more likely to be exploited. Almost all young people that leave care are classed as living in poverty. Alongside this, many car leavers also carry the burden of trauma and the emotional impact of their life experiences beforehand.

The landscape is changing for care experienced young people, and there are opportunities out there which will lead them to positive destinations as they learn to live independently. Dean & Cauvin Young People's Trust provides dedicated support to these young people by helping them access food, college courses, decent housing, employment, benefits, health services and social activities. Above all the Trust provides caring staff that the young people can turn to when they are struggling.

We urgently need funding so that we can continue to help care experienced young people in Edinburgh fulfil their potential.

