

Practice guide

SEND & Alternative Provision

Co-production - The Changemakers, Bury

Background, purpose and rationale

The Changemakers is a youth voice group for young people with additional needs and disabilities aged 11-25. It was created as a working group to feed into Bury's SEND Improvement and Assurance Board following a 2024 Area SEND Ofsted/ Care Quality Commission inspection.

What we did to improve children's experiences

We made sure that SEND voices were heard by developing SEND voice networks, making sure there were SEND voices in our co-production approaches and raising the profile of co-production across the partnership

In doing so, the voices of our service users are heard and embedded in practice, policy and strategy to drive improvement and better meet need. The Changemakers is an example of this current practice to specifically impact and feed into the SEND Improvement and Assurance Board to making a difference and bring young people to the table.

What was the impact?

Increased profile of co-production, specifically for SEND young people, across the board and the wider partnership. This ultimately improves the lives of young people by enabling them to feel involved and listened to for the first time.

Resources

Contact us for resources as the outcome has been a process involving young people to co-produce with them. We can share the approach taken, for other areas to do similarly in their Local Areas, however, the outcomes within their infrastructure and with their young people may be different.

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