## Using to technology to deliver services and keep in touch

I'm really impressed by the way in which you're embracing technology to enable you to carry on working to such a high standard. It's fantastic to see how you are using video conferencing to collaborate with each other and support people out in the community. Thank you all for adapting so well to the new way we're delivering services.

Children's Services Participation Officer Rebecca Crooks has told us how she and her colleagues are reaching out to young people so that they know that they're still being supported.

"Our Voices 4 Choices (V4C), Youth Council, Young Inspectors and Lincolnshire Young Voices members are being offered the opportunity to have virtual meetings, via Zoom, with their groups," she explained.

"All current members have been contacted and have discussed this with their project leads and we have had some really positive feedback from those who have wanted to be involved. Just the opportunity to see a familiar face or two is bringing lots of smiles. For those who are not wanting to be on the virtual call there is the opportunity to catch up with their group lead via telephone or email if preferred to keep updated with what is going on. These are the comments we've received from those involved:

"Definitely think that doing a meet up virtual has been incredibly helpful in these difficult circumstances. Utilising the technology has allowed us to ensure we remember the important work we do as well as continuing to interact as a group to maintain our social connections/relationships, even if it is somewhat hard to adapt to". (Ben - youth council member)

"I think that Katrina Hewitt (the Young Inspectors Project Officer) has done a good job of keeping in touch and I feel informed with what's going on even though we haven't been able to have a meeting".

"It's nice to keep in touch and know that you're still there despite the pandemic".

"I like to see my friends on the phone through Zoom as it keeps me in contact with them. It makes me smile when I see them".

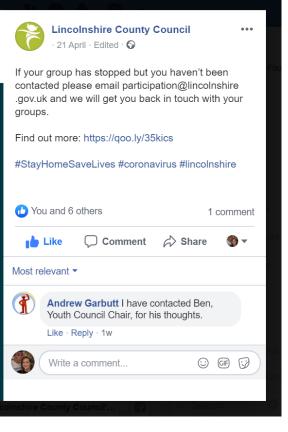
## Service update:

Our V4C (Voices4Choices), Youth Council, Young Inspectors and Young Voices members activities have all stopped for now.

However, some of our group lead workers are setting up virtual meetings to enable you all to keep in touch.

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## Keeping in touch with V4C

In a time where we are all missing seeing our friends, Voices 4 Choices (Children in Care Council) are keen to make sure our children and young people have the opportunity to connect during this period of lockdown. We are hosting some online 'get together' opportunities to share stories and experiences, see familiar (and new!) faces and get involved in some fun games and activities.

If you have any young people in your household who you think would like to connect, drop us a line at <u>participation</u> and we can tell you how to get involved. In preparation, it would be really helpful if you could register an account on the <u>Zoom</u> <u>website</u>.

participation@lincolnshire.gov.uk www.Zoom.us

Virtual meetings for V4C, Youth Council, Young Inspectors and LincoInshire Young Voices At this challenging time when many our young people may be missing their friends and support workers, we want them to know that they are not on their own. Our group lead workers are setting up virtual meetings to keep in touch with young people, talk together and have some fun. Please find out more <u>here</u>. (source: <u>Participation Team</u>)

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