



HELLO, WELCOME TO CANW



Inspiring Lives, Changing Futures...

The social inequality that exists in communities up and down the country means that young people and their families face an unprecedented set of challenges. Simply getting by is tough.

Our mission is to support children, vulnerable young adults and their families across the UK, ensuring that when life presents difficult circumstances we're there every step of the way to provide or signpost support wherever it's needed.

Where we work?

We have deep roots in the Northwest, but we go where we are needed!

Whilst much of our work takes place across the Northwest of England, including Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Cumbria, in recent years we have expanded our geographic reach.

We now deliver a range of services across the North East, Midlands and across several counties in the South.

Registered Charity No: 222533

Our History

Child Action Northwest is a charity dedicated to supporting children, young people, vulnerable adults and families who need help.

And we've been doing this for 130 years.

Our history stretches all the way back to the founding of Blackburn Orphanage in 1886. A lot has changed since then, but many of the challenges facing those in need are similar today.

We believe that everyone has the right to achieve their full potential, whatever their background or circumstances. We work with over 10,000 children, young people and families every year - supporting individuals, families and communities so that children and young people can lead healthy and meaningful lives.



WE SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We believe that every child has the right to achieve their full potential, to lead healthy, meaningful lives, and build hope for a better future.



Young Carers

We provide advocacy, respite and care to young carers aged 5-18 years old. We make sure that they never feel alone or isolated, that they have somewhere to go and someone to talk to when things get challenging.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

The emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people is just as important as their physical health. Mental health problems in school aged children are rising at an alarming rate with 1 in 6 children/young people experiencing issues such as depression, low mood, poor self-esteem, or anxiety.

Our Emotional Health & Wellbeing team provides help and support that is focused on supporting children and young people to build resilience and develop healthy coping strategies so they can manage whatever life experiences they face and become well-rounded, healthy adults.



WE SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

Some of the most vulnerable young people have nobody to turn to in a time of crisis. If a child ends up in Police custody or in trouble with the law it can be scary, unpleasant and difficult to deal with for the child, their parents and the wider community.



Criminal Justice Support

We work alongside communities, police and young people to break the cycle between adversity and anti-social behaviour. This might be through a combination of 1-1 support and education, focused group work, or simply fun activities that remove young people from potential harmful situations.

Appropriate Adults

If a child or vulnerable adult has to be interviewed by the Police, sometimes their parents can't be with them. The parent could be a witness, somehow involved in the case or unavailable for a whole range of reasons. When this happens, an Appropriate Adult is needed to step in to listen and offer support as required.

The person in custody may have been involved in a whole variety of complex situations, but we will always be there to listen, offer support and safeguard their statutory rights and entitlements.



Employability and Life Skills

CANW is part of the Invest in Youth Building Better Opportunities scheme which aims to tackle the poverty and social exclusion faced by these young people.

Through this project we aim to transform the futures of young people between the ages of 15 and 24 years who have challenges in their lives that are stopping them from finding employment.



WE SUPPORT FAMILIES

We want every child to grow up feeling loved and supported, whatever their background or circumstances. We support families so that children can get the best start in life, and grow up to lead healthy, meaningful and happy lives.

We want children and their families to achieve their hopes and ambitions.

ProContact

Our services enable and promote contact between children and their family and supports parents to improve co-parenting and to reduce conflict. We often work with families who are in court proceedings and where there has been a break down in child arrangements. Alongside this we work with children who are reluctant to have contact, parents who need support in having contact or supporting children to have contact with their other parent.

Much of this work sits within our ProContact service, but all of the work we do with children, young people and vulnerable adults has an impact on the family unit.



Fostering

Children require care for a whole range of reasons, but what they all need is a family that provides love, support and stability.

“Being a foster carer with CANW is a vocation like no other”

Being a foster carer changes lives and we're proud of our long history of supporting young people in care and their foster families!

Whether it's for a few days, a couple of months, or even multiple, sometimes years - fostering can make a huge difference. It isn't a 9-5 job, so at CANW we provide support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We offer our foster carers practical support, activities, support programmes and educational guidance. We also provide specific, tailored training to help our foster carers become the best possible carer they can be.

As one of the few remaining charitable fostering agencies in the North we are also able to use fundraising to ensure our foster carers and the young people they support are given the same opportunities as their peers.

SUPPORT OUR WORK

Over £5million a year is needed to facilitate the amazing work being done here at CANW. We raise some of this much needed funding from a combination of generous charitable giving, corporate partnerships with local businesses, and mutually beneficial partnerships with local authorities and commissioning bodies.

Each year Child Action Northwest makes a difference to thousands of children, young people, vulnerable adults and families across the country. We simply couldn't do this vital work without the support we get from hundreds of individuals and organisations across the North West and beyond.

So THANK YOU and thank you again to our wonderful supporters.

If you would be interested in finding out more about our work and how you might be able to get involved, please contact:

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