

We Belong Manifesto

Care Leavers Collective

**Changing attitudes + Changing the system =
Inspiring futures**

We need more than bed and board and corporate parenting

We know everything can't be perfect but **Don't use** being in care against us

We are **Children not Statistics**

We are **Young Care Leavers** not the Paperwork

We want to be

Respected not Stereotyped

Understood not Judged

Supported not Stigmatised

Advised not Controlled

Guided not Monitored

Appreciated not Pified

Nurtured not Ignored

Loved not just Looked After

Create **Space** for us to **Heal**

Encourage us to have **Confidence**

Give us the room to **Reach** our full **Potential**

Celebrate our **Individuality**

Have **High** expectations of us

because

We Matter