



Co-production Updates

Here are some updates from the Co-production Officers Amy and Chanika. For more updates on co-production visit our webpage: [Co-production and how to get involved \(SEND\) | Worcestershire County Council](#) or our Facebook Page: [Voices United Worcestershire](#)

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1. Outcomes for Children and Young People with SEND

Thanks to all the schools, settings and children and young people who have been involved in co-producing the outcomes for children and young people (CYP) with SEND. We have spoken to over 400 CYP to make sure these outcomes are the right ones for them. The co-produced shared outcomes are as follows:

1. *I feel welcome, included and part of a community where I belong*
2. *I feel safe and supported*
3. *I am listened to, understood and involved in decisions about my life*
4. *I am helped to be healthy in my mind and body*
5. *I enjoy life, have fun and I am supported to reach my full potential*

These shared goals will now be used by everyone working together in the local area, including health services, education, and the local council. They will help adults plan and improve how services are run. Services will check how well they are doing, share what is going well, and be honest about what still needs to be better.

These outcomes will be launched in a range of ways. These include:

- Videos of what the outcomes mean to young people
- Videos on how the partnership will use these outcomes
- Visual representation of the outcomes
- Outcomes being embedded within service plans

We always want to hear about young people's experiences in relation to the outcomes. Your organisation could share your young people's thoughts with us! What do they think about them? Do they apply to them now? Do they have of good experiences they want to share? Do they want to tell people what they want and need? Email: sendco-productionteam@worcestershire.gov.uk

2. Young Evaluators training

The young evaluators training for CYP has now started and will take place over 6 sessions. The young people will learn the skills to research and evaluate projects and will use these skills to support future projects.

3. Voices Network and Voices United Link

Co-production officers have continued to visit settings to connect with young people with SEND. These settings include:

- HOW college Redditch
- Abbeywood First School
- Kidderminster MET
- Chadsgrove College
- Nunnery Wood High School
- Redditch MET
- HOW college Worcester
- Green fingers

- Bramblewood
- University of Worcester
- Nova Training Kidderminster
- The Bridge School Sixth Form Centre
- Woodrow First School
- Worcester Deaf Children's Society Christmas Party
- Vision Support Team Christmas Party
- Wyre Forest School

These settings are now part of our Voices Network. This means we will share projects with them so more children and young people can get involved. We are also working closely with those settings to learn how children and young people are already sharing their ideas and opinions in their settings.



Settings can be involved in projects in a way that is most suitable for their young people. This may look like:

- A setting collecting the information for a project and sending this back to the co-production officers through email
- Photos, drawings, writing, things created on a computer
- A setting recording a video of a session where a project has been discussed and this is sent over to co-production officers
- Voice notes of conversations
- Co-production officers coming to speak to the young people directly in your setting

- Organising an online meeting for the young people to feedback their input

If there is a better way to share projects with your setting or a better way to get children and young people involved, please let us know as we would love to work with settings to improve this link and ensure we are hearing a wider range of CYP with SEND.

4. PINS (Partnerships for inclusion of neurodiversity in schools (PINS) programme)

We delivered online training to the schools involved in the PINS programme. This training was around co-production and participation with children and young people with SEND. There were activities during the session that involved reflecting on current pupil voice within their schools and then creating a plan of action and next steps.

5. Deep Dive for co-production

Five young people from Voices United and lead practitioners from the Local Area Partnership spoke to the Worcestershire advisers from the Department for Education and the NHS to share their updates on participation and co-production. The advisers will provide a report for the Local Area Partnership which will include recommendations.



6. Business support officers

Amy and Chanika met with the lovely Business Support team this week and told them all about the great work Voices United have been doing and the potential next steps.



7. Next steps for co-production officers

The co-production officers have set some goals for 2026. These goals are as follows:

- 1. Grow and sustain network of voices of children and young people with SEND**
- 2. Raise and maintain the profile of co-production within the local area partnership**

The co-production officers will break these goals down into achievable steps. Some of these steps include:

- Co-production training offer for practitioners
- Co-production toolkit of resources
- Working closely with lead practitioners from services to support and grow their participation with families
- Continue to connect with practitioners in a range of settings
- Support Voices United with their 2026 goals

8. Support and working with co-production officers

Please get in touch with us:

- If you would like support with co-production and participation with children and young people with SEND in your service
- If you would like to find out more about what we do
- If you would like young people within your setting to be involved
- If you know of young people who would like to be involved
- If you have any suggestions you would like to bring forward to help us with the co-production journey in Worcestershire. We would love to work together with people to effectively embed co-production with children and young people

Please email sendco-productionteam@worcestershire.gov.uk or WhatsApp us on either 07860356052 (Chanika) or 07860356051 (Amy).

