# The Looked After Children and Education Project

***Why did the LACE project take place?***

* The Welsh Government want to know how to help looked after children and young people do really well at school.
* They asked CASCADE to find out what can be done to help.

***How did we find out about LACYP education?***

* We asked looked after children and young people all about their education and what help they would like.
* Voices from Care and Fostering Network helped, and we did lots of fun activities too.
* Spice Innovations gave ‘time credits’ to the young people who helped us.

***What did we find out?***

* The children we spoke to wanted to do really well at school.
* They had lots of exciting plans and ideas about their futures.
* Some problems they faced were:
	+ Changing placements and schools
	+ Not enough help at school
	+ Not being well physically or mentally
	+ Other people thinking that they couldn’t do well at school
	+ School days being interrupted by meetings
	+ Not enough computers and books
	+ Not enough help from foster carers
	+ Feeling ‘labelled’ as troubled and different

***What did we tell the Welsh Government?***

Listen to children

and young people



Don’t make children listen to

arguments about money

**£££**

Lots of books and computers



 

Be positive about what

looked after children and

young people can achieve

Help foster carers to help with school and homework

Social workers and schools should talk to each other more

Extra help in school

Education Ambassadors for LACYP

Don’t hold meetings in school time

Looked after children should be able to meet other young people with similar experiences

Mentoring

Let children help to decide whether to move schools or not

Offer support to all children so that looked after children don’t feel different