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 Pitied
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