

Swindon Carers Centre holds Young Carer Award Celebration event



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Swindon Carers Centre will be celebrating the work being carried out in schools, colleges, academies and alternative provision across Swindon to support young carers at a special event on July 6th.

This will be a chance to thank education staff and young carers for all their hard work in implementing the Young Carer Award and celebrate how far they've come since the standards were launched in 2011. Young carers will also be speaking about the positive impact the standards have on them at school and in college.

Swindon Carers Centre developed the Young Carer Award for Schools because young carers nationally were saying they were not always getting the support they needed from their school or college. Local statistics suggested young carers were not all achieving their academic potential. The aim of the award is to ensure a range of support is available and accessible to all young carers in order they have the opportunities they need to achieve their full potential. There are a set of 3 Standards across 5 areas:

- Leadership and Management
- Identification and assessment of individual need
- Developing provision to meet need
- Young Carer involvement
- Management systems, monitoring and evaluation

Swindon Carers Centre's Young Carer Development Officer Fiona Prinzi says "This celebration is an opportunity for us to say 'thank you' and give young carer leads a rare chance to sit down and have a cup of tea and some cake and a chat with a young carer during a school day!"

The celebration event takes place in the Ballroom at the Marriott Hotel, Pipers Way, Swindon, between 1.30pm and 2.30pm on Monday 6th July.

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Notes to editors

- Swindon Carers Centre is part of the national network of the Carers Trust and offers help and support to people in Swindon who have caring responsibilities
- There are approximately 19,500 carers of all ages (including children and young people) in the Borough of Swindon and Swindon Carers Centre is available to provide them with much needed support, help and information. www.swindoncarers.org.uk
- There are 42 schools and colleges implementing the Young Carer Award standards in Swindon

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