



# The Unstoppables

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# Who are The Unstoppables?

- The Unstoppables is a youth voice group for young people aged 13-25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities. We make our voices heard to help make changes in Somerset.
- We help services to do their job better. We help services to understand our needs better.
- We make posters, leaflets, and other things to help professionals help us

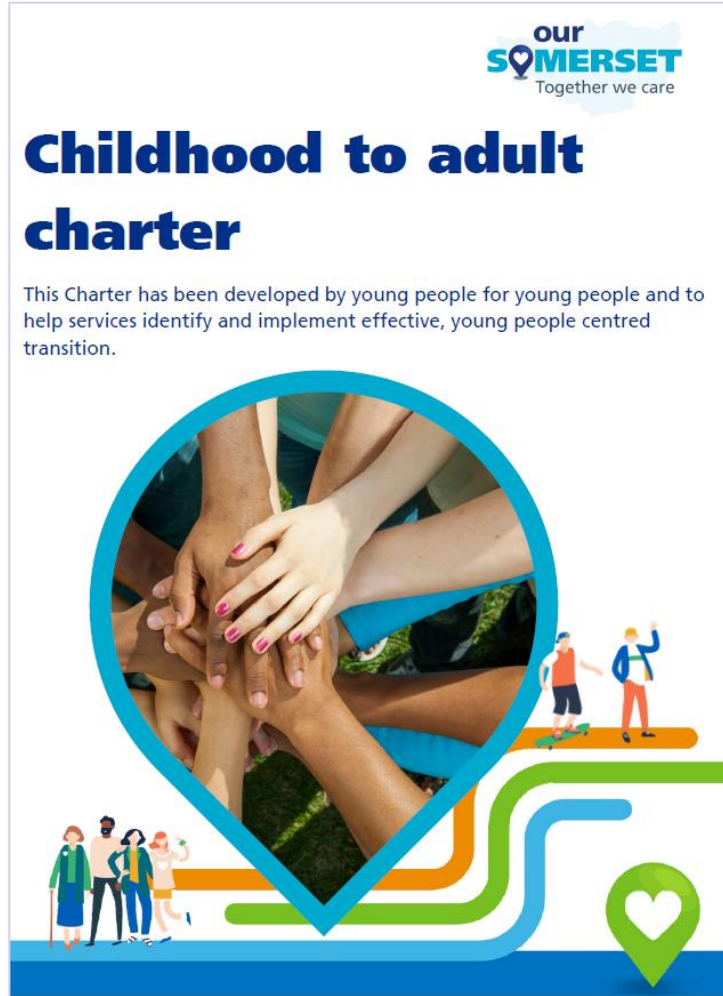


# Young Unstoppables

- Aimed at under the age of 13 as that's our starting age for Unstoppables.
- 30 schools included in the second year of PINS.
- Aiming for 10 young people per session
- 3 sessions per school – approx. 900 voices heard throughout the school year
- The Unstoppables will be steering group for Young Unstoppables
- Topics we engage on will fit into The Unstoppables priorities; SEND Strategy aims and topics the students want to discuss surrounding their school.



# Childhood to Adult Charter



- The Unstoppables had been involved from the beginning of this piece of work. We had taken our lived experience of transitioning into adulthood to the Partnership Board.
- This piece of work was then picked up by the ICS CYPF Board.
- We will only be having an easy read version of this charter
- The Charter was brought to the Unstoppables, where they gave their opinion of how the document flows, the accessibility of the document and whether it explained what the purpose was within the document.

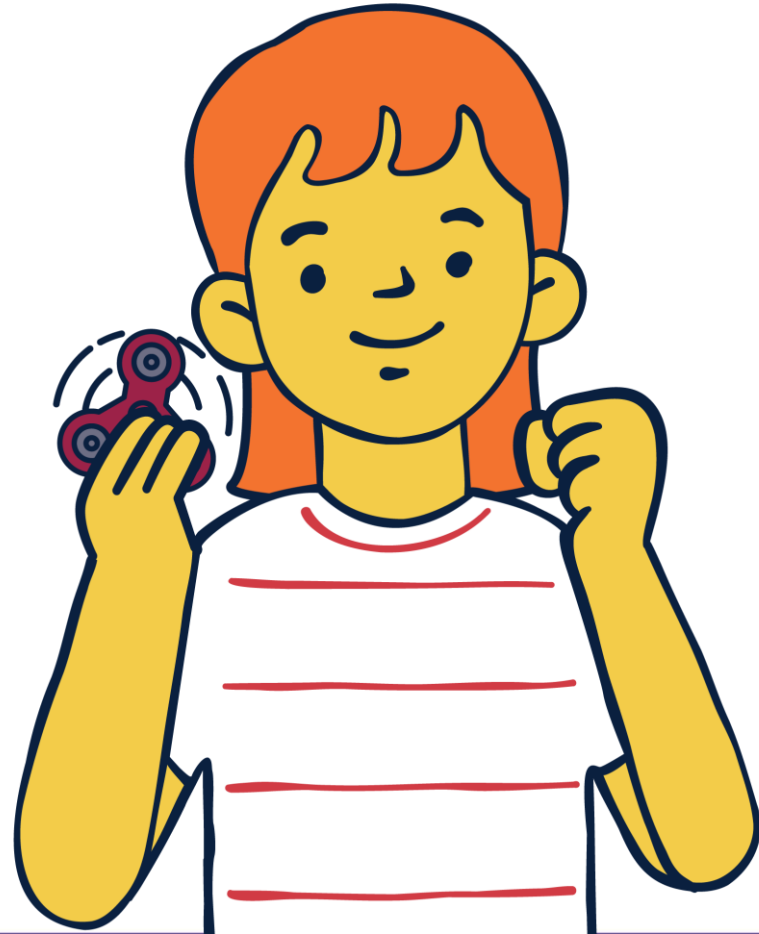


# Childhood to adult charter



# Creating easy read documents

- Symbols,
- Visuals
- No jargon / acronyms (where possible)
- Accessible colours/fonts/formatting
- One size does NOT fit all



# Barriers to information

Members of Unstoppables have mentioned the following barriers when receiving information that is not accessible:

- Excludes young people from getting the relevant information as it isn't accessible
- Takes away their independence because they will have to rely on someone to explain what it means



# Engagement and Participation Team | Somerset Council



# Youth Forum

Young people across Somerset are encouraged to scrutinise Somerset's services through a youth-led forum, where topics affecting them are discussed, their views collected and their voices shared, this helps Somerset deliver safe services for young people and families.



# Somerset Youth Parliament

Somerset Youth Parliament run a number of campaigns as the elected voice of local young People. They work alongside services to make changes and improve the lives of children and young people. They also have a mandate to challenge and hold decision makers to account.

[www.somersetyouthparliament.org.uk](http://www.somersetyouthparliament.org.uk)



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# SiCC and SLCC

## Somerset in Care and Leaving Care Council

- A group of young people that meet up to talk about all things affecting children and young people in or leaving care.
- These contributions help to shape services to make it better for children and families in Somerset.
- [www.somersetincarecouncils.org.uk](http://www.somersetincarecouncils.org.uk)



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