We've launched a year of activities, events, and training as part of our 'Year of the Voice of the Child' celebrations.

The 12-month calendar of events will celebrate the work that takes place across the Council to put children's voice at the centre of everything they do. The calendar of events is being regularly reviewed and updated and may change over the year.

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| **Month** | **Date** | **Event** |
| June | 8 June 2023 | Children’s Council presentation of playground projects |
|  | 8 June 2023 | Feedback to SLT and Cabinet from the young people’s conference |
|  | 26 June 2023 | Official launch of Year of the Voice of the Child |
| July | Whole month | Annual conversations – Children in Care |
|  | Whole month | SEND Local Offer review |
|  | 19 July 2023 | Voice of the child drop in event for social care colleagues |
| August | 2 August 2023 | National play day |
|  | Whole month | Annual conversations – Children in Care |
| September | TBC | SEND Big event |
|  | TBC | You said we did (Local Offer) annual report and event |
|  | TBC | Young people voter registration activity and democracy programme launch |
|  | Whole month | SEND Local Offer review |
|  | Whole month | Annual Conversations – Children in Care |
| October | W/C 17 October 2023 | Local democracy week |
|  | 24 – 28 October 2023 | Care Leavers week |
|  | 30 October | Children in Care and Care Leavers celebration event and awards |
|  | TBC | Mental Health awareness week |
| November | 1 November 2023 | North East regional Children in Care conference |
|  | 13 – 17 November 2023 | National Anti-Bullying week |
|  | 17 November 2023 | National takeover day |
|  | 30 November – 12 December 2023 | Cop 28 |
|  | Whole month | Annual conversations – Children in Care |
|  | Whole month | SEND Local Offer review |
| December | 13 December 2023 | Children in Care Council Celebration Event |
| **2024** |  |  |
| January | Whole month | SEND Local Offer review |
|  | Whole month | Annual conversations – Children in Care |
| February | Whole month | Young Mayor and Member of Parliament (MYP) elections |
|  | TBC | Council for disabled Children - Making Participation Work annual conference |
| March | TBC | Youth Council annual conference |
|  | TBC | Social work week – Voice of the child drop in event |
|  | TBC | Childrens Participation service annual report |
|  | Whole month | Annual conversation – Children in Care |
|  | Whole month | SEND Local Offer review |
| April | TBC | Independent Visitor project celebration |
|  | TBC | Youth Offer Network event |
| May | TBC | Celebration event for the project – Ultimate Kids Day |
|  | 14 May 2024 | National Childrens Day |
|  | TBC | Children in Care Council open day and showcase |
|  | TCB | End of ‘year of the voice of the child’ impact report |