



#PowerOfYouth

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Charter

**Corra's Power of Youth Charter commitments – signed 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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### **1. Prioritise empowering young people to volunteer and take social action**

We will have an action plan outlining how we will support more young people with diverse lived-experiences, particularly those from low-income and Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds, to volunteer and be involved in positive social action.

*Corra's specific commitments:*

- *We will work with partners to ensure children and young people play a leading role in the Social Action Inquiry and build on our links with #IWill to enable this*
- *We will explore how Corra and other independent funders can best support action and amplify children and young people's voices around COP26*
- *We will map the 'ideas into action' emerging from Corra's place-based work to learn how well this work is supporting social action by children and young people*

### **2. Open up your decision-making structures**

We will offer opportunities for young people, particularly from low income and Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds to be part of our organisation's decision-making.

*Corra's specific commitments:*

- *We will ensure that young people are leading the design and development of the Listening Fund, including the convening event in 2021*
- *We will support young people in the Borders to lead the #ShiftThePower programme, designing materials, criteria and making decisions on the grants made*
- *We will expand the role of the young people's group in the PDI programme, strengthening the influence of their feedback on decision making*

### **3. Work in partnership**

We will work collaboratively with young people, organisations and policy-makers locally and nationally to create more high quality opportunities, reach young people from low income and Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds and realise the potential of the #IWill Scotland goals.

*Corra's specific commitments:*

- *We will share learning from the Listening Fund with other funders and with the third sector more broadly, promoting structural changes within organisations to listen to and action the views of young people*
- *As an employer we will continue to help young people enter the funding sector, for example through internship programmes*
- *We will continue to support 'The Promise' through our CEO chairing the oversight board; delivery of 'the Promise' will see care experienced people lead decision making in a new approach to care in Scotland*

### **4. Evidence the benefits of youth social action**

We will capture and share insights, stories and data on how we are working with young people, and the positive impact this has on them, our organisation, their communities and wider society.

*Corra's specific commitments:*

- *We will continue to develop the Everyone Has a Story digital platform, which aims to provide a way for powerful stories of children and young people's lives to be safely held and shared*
- *We will track children and young people's involvement in the Social Action Inquiry and learn from their experiences*

### **5. Recognise and celebrate young people**

We will use our communication channels to advocate for and celebrate young people as positive and powerful changemakers.

*Corra's specific commitments:*

- *We will make sure there are opportunities for children and young people to design and showcase their work and social action at Corra events such as the Change Convention*
- *We will continue to ensure community stories we publish include the voices of children and young people and prioritise sharing their experiences*
- *We will help strengthen the influence of children and young people affected by drugs and alcohol on policy and practice by creating opportunities for their voices to be heard and acted on*