

CARE AND PREJUDICE

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ABOUT US

What is the Office of the
Children's Rights Director?

[see www.rights4me.org]

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STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

- ❖ Asking children's views
- ❖ Advising on children's rights and welfare
- ❖ Raising issues CRD considers significant

CHILDREN'S VIEWS REPORT

The background to the '**Care and prejudice**' Report of children's experiences [2009]

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WHAT THEY TOLD US

Don't put care down ... BUT

- ❖ We do get bullied
- ❖ Are made to "stand out"
- ❖ Can be discriminated against
- ❖ And, are made to feel different

WHAT THEY TOLD US

Systemic careism

- ❖ Get me into school
- ❖ Can I come too!
- ❖ I don't do bin bags!
- ❖ Can I please have my friends back

WHAT THEY TOLD US

Leaving care is unique to us

- ❖ Get my own place
- ❖ Avoid unsafe places
- ❖ I want a say ... ask me when I'm good and ready

CARE LEAVER'S OWN ASSESSMENT 2009



- ❖ Almost 2/3rds rated support good or very good
- ❖ 88% had a current support worker
- ❖ Almost 2/3rds felt current accommodation right for them

KEYQUOTES

Some **favourite quotes** ...

You really couldn't make
them up!

ON BEING A GOOD CORPORATE PARENT

As with any good parent ... when I
leave your care

- (1) **be ambitious for me;**
- (2) **want me to do well;** and
- (3) **be proud of me ... when I do**

AND IF CARLSBERG DID
LEAVING CARE ... !!



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