



# Advocacy Promotional Toolkit

#itsyourturnNSW #makeit21

NSW young people in out-of-home care are at risk of homelessness at their 18th birthday. Many are trying to complete their education at the same time and find it difficult to juggle the realities of having to leave their current placements or residential homes whilst focussing on finishing their studies.

NSW young people remain the only cohort of young people in the country that do not have adequate support to 21 as other states and territories now have.

CREATE Foundation urges the Perrottet Government to listen to, and try to understand the issues that young care leavers face, and support young people till they reach the age of 21, regardless of if they are in foster, kinship or residential care.



# We need your help!

We are launching a campaign using the hashtag **#itsyourturnNSW** to help young people transitioning from care to adulthood have their voices heard. The aim is to get the NSW government on board to raise the age of support to 21. The more people that share and post about this the more powerful the message.

Young people in care deserve better and our job as a community is to support them.

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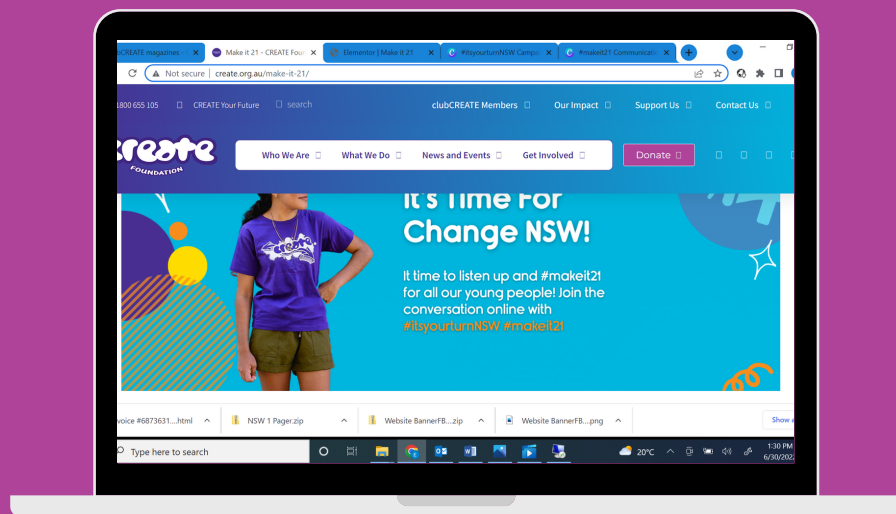


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# Young People Quotes

## Quote 1

“Young people should have the option to stay in care until they’re 21 so it makes it easier for them to finish year 12, find a job, and learn life skills of budgeting and independent living.” (clubCREATE member)

## Quote 2

“Please, I need the support to go on after 18, so I can stay with my carer. I need to be looked after like other kids my age. I missed out on being cared for by my parents properly, and need to be cared for now. My life will be better forever if I can stay longer with my carer. I will need direction and boundaries after 18.” (Male, 15)

## Quote 3

“Turning 18 and my money stops and everything changes is worrying to me. I feel I am not ready to take on new challenges yet. Turning 18, I would still be in school doing my HSC . . . My carer I can talk to, but I still have the worry about everything changing and it is too much that everything will stop or change when I turn 18. Staying with a carer until 21 would be good. I will have time to explore my options with further time and give me more flexibility to choose further study or work.” (Male, 17)

## Quote 4

“My carer is like my mum. She looks after me. I need looking after. I missed being looked after when I was little. I need to be able to have a safe place like my friends will, indefinitely.” (Male, 15)

## Quote 5

“When you are in the system, you don't get the same upbringing as others would get so you need more support. You can't just cut someone off.” (Female, 15)



# Social Media Copy

## Post 1

“It’s 2022 and time for change! Let’s take a giant leap forward and do the right thing for young people. Young people with a care experience are vulnerable and need support to 21” – Jacqui Reed CEO @CREATEfnd [insert loudspeaker emoji] Listen up NSW and make it 21 for all care leavers #itsyourturnNSW #makeit21 @Dom\_Perrottet @nmaclarenjones

## Post 2

We urge the Perrottet Government to listen and support young people in NSW till they reach the age of 21, regardless of if they are in foster, kinship or residential care. No parent would expect their child out at 18 with no safety net, it’s not OK! #itsyourturnNSW #makeit21 @Dom\_Perrottet @nmaclarenjones

## Post 3

Young people in OOHC should have support and stability, a place they call home until the age of 21. NSW is the last remaining state to fund carers to extend young people’s placements to 21. It’s time to get on board NSW and #makeit21 #itsyourturnNSW @Dom\_Perrottet @nmaclarenjones

## Post 4

NSW is the last remaining state to commit to providing placement support to young people past 18. NSW, it’s time for change - make it 21 for all care leavers #itsyourturnNSW #makeit21 @Dom\_Perrottet @nmaclarenjones

## Post 5

With the largest OOHC population nationally, NSW young people need to access adequate placement supports to 21 like every other state. NSW, it’s time for change - make it 21 for all care leavers #itsyourturnNSW #makeit21 @Dom\_Perrottet @nmaclarenjones

## Post 6

How can we expect young people with a care experience who turn 18 in NSW to find adequate housing in the current market in NSW? Over 30% of young care leavers are homeless within the first year of leaving care – it’s not good enough! #itsyourturnNSW #makeit21 @Dom\_Perrottet @nmaclarenjones