



Better Meetings Launch

The Better Meetings Project is an ambitious and powerful project underpinned by children's rights to ensure young people have choice and feel fully involved in shaping their meetings. This project supports Morays ongoing commitment and implementation of The Promise.

The journey of the Better Meetings group began in 2019 with a group of care experienced young people supported by Who Carers? Scotland to voice their lived experience on how meetings and Children's Hearings feel for them and how those supporting them could improve their experience of meetings. The group of care experienced young people along with Panel Members, Reviewing Officers and Social Workers meet regularly and the young people were supported by a local theatre company to create three powerful films sharing their experiences and thoughts on how meetings and hearings feel for them.

The Better Meetings Implementation Group was created in response to this powerful piece of collective advocacy and rights respecting work, A practitioners Guide created by our Moray young people has been developed and In addition to this during October 2022 care experienced young people in Moray hosted an event to show case their work to Sheriff David Mackie and key members of the National Hearings System Redesign Group. In January 2023 Better Meetings was officially launched across Highland and Moray and Practitioners Guides show cased and rolled out to ensure young people feel supported **before, during** and **after** their meetings. Next steps include rolling out and embedding Better Meetings across Childs Planning here in Moray.