



1. Annual Report

2021-2022



- This EASY READ report is for people interested in ACE.
- It says what ACE did in 2021-2022.



- ACE give their views to RBG on services that affect us.
- We say, “we are the experts in our own lives”.



- RBG promise to listen to ACE.
- This means that ACE help to shape or change services in RBG.

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2. Some words **used in this report:**

Word	What does it mean?
ACE	Action, Change, Equality.
RBG	The Royal Borough of Greenwich.
We	ACE network members
SEND	Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.
Easy Read	A clear way of making a document using simple words and pictures that help us to understand the text.
Conference	A meeting of people who are interested in the same topic.
Integrated Therapies Bid	The way we buy excellent Speech and Language, Occupational and Physio therapies for children & young people in Greenwich.
Green Paper	The Government's new ideas on how to give the best help to children & YP with SEND.
Local Offer	Info about services that are in Greenwich and how to get them for C and YP with SEND
C&YP	Children & Young People

3 & 4. What is ACE?



- ACE stands for Action, Change, Equality.
- It is the name children & young people chose.



- It is the way children & young people with SEND give their views.



- ACE members give their views in many different ways
- The C&YP and staff that know them well choose the best ways to give their views.



- 7 ACE groups met this year in schools and a college across Greenwich..



- We usually meet once a month to discuss their views.



- Questionnaires and surveys are sometimes sent direct to schools.



- Groups of C&YP are sometimes chosen to give their views on a topic such as the Down Syndrome Act.

5. Who has taken part this year?



- Over 30 children & young people aged 7-19 years have regularly taken part.



- We are children & young people with SEND.



- We all go to RBG schools or college.

6 & 7. Some examples of our work this year



- We said which short breaks would be best for young people like us so they could be part of the new short breaks activities.



- We gave ideas on how you can keep us safe for the Greenwich Safeguarding board.



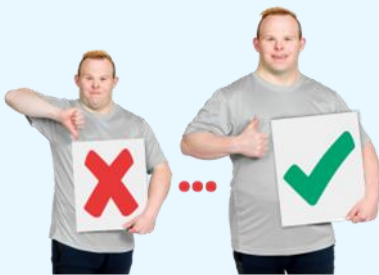
- We took part in the Your Greenwich, Your Future conference and showed people who came what we do in our ACE groups.



- We told RBG why we all think it is important to listen and take notice of our views.



- We designed our own ACE Local Offer page.
- We took part in the Integrated Therapies bid.



- We helped RBG decide who to employ as a new Principal Educational Psychologist
- We gave our views on the national Green Paper which will affect our education.

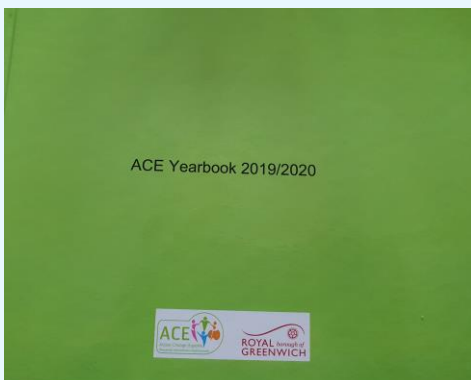


- We like making decisions and change.
- We like being listened to.
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8. Recording and showing our work.



- Photos and videos are taken to show the activities and the work we have done.



- We keep a record of our work in photo books which are made every year



- We show our work on our ACE Local Offer page.
- We have made our own ACE video. Click here to see it [Action Change Equality \(ACE\) | Greenwich Community Directory](#)

9 & 10. Feedback & what went well this year?



- We ask RBG to give us feedback on the changes we have made.



- It is important to us to get feedback to know we have been listened to.



- We gave advice to lots of people on how to gain the views of C&YP like us.



- We gave our views on important national and local topics.



- We got better feedback from RBG telling us how we had made change happen.



- We have been shortlisted for a Do The Right Thing Award!



- We feel listened to.
- We had fun!

11, What needs to be better next year?



- Remember to always tell ACE as quickly as possible when we have helped change to happen..



- Support us to join in with other groups of C&YP who like to have their voices heard..



- Give us more time to give our views so we can give you better information!

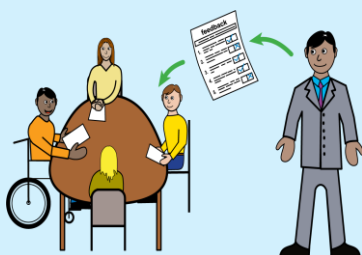
12 & 13. The numbers information....



- This year ACE gave 214 views on services for RBG.
- Last year we gave 168 views
- This is 27% more!



- We talked about 12 different topics.
- This is one more than last year



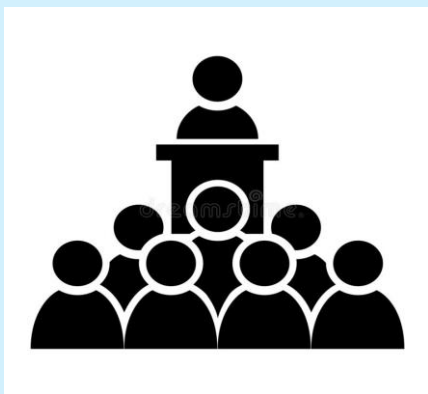
- On average 18 children & young people gave their views on each topic



- We all said we like pictures, photos or symbols and Easy Read.
- None of us like lots of text to read. So, we did this report in Easy Read.



- 81 of us said what we thought of the Green Paper the Government sent out.



- 32 of us contributed to the conference on How to Safeguard Children and Young People with SEND.



- 23 of us gave our views on how important it is for us to have a voice and be listened to in our borough.

14. Next steps for 2022/23...



- Another school will be joining ACE in September 2022.



- Make better links with other services in RBG to work together
- Join in more national events.



- Help to improve more services for children & young people with SEND.

15. How to contact ACE



- Click on this box to see our ACE page with our new video at the bottom of this page:

[Action Change Equality \(ACE\) | Greenwich Community Directory](#)



- Email ACE:
youth-voice@royalgreenwich.gov.uk



- Visit our Local Offer page

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