

Knowsley Parent Power

A partnership between The Brilliant Club, Shaping Futures and Knowsley Council.

About Knowsley Parent Power

Through advice and guidance on accessing higher education, and developing skills in community organising, Parent Power, in partnership with Knowsley Council and Shaping Futures, empowers parents and carers in Knowsley to make change in their children's future. We contribute to the Council's strategic aim for learning and skills - to build a culture of high aspirations across the borough - by upskilling parents and carers to be higher education champions in the local community.

Knowsley Parent Power in Numbers

28

Parents/Carers registered.

82%

of parents/carers have no history of UK higher education.

3

visits to universities and colleges in Liverpool during 2023/24, with a fourth visit, to a university outside of the city, planned.

Knowsley Parent Power Activities

1. University Trips

As part of the groups' desire to increase their knowledge of further and higher education, they have won bespoke trips to Liverpool John Moores University, City of Liverpool College and Liverpool Hope. A parent/carer from the group told us about the impact of these trips:



Parent Power has basically changed my view about university – it makes parents like myself, who have got children with autism, or any form of disability, know that they can actually achieve what children want to achieve. And you know it's possible for them.

2. Platforming the voice of parents/carers

Patrick, a parent leader from Knowsley, spoke as part of a panel on the national stage at the Labour Party Conference. Parents are often missing from key educational policy conversations, but Patrick was able to grasp the opportunity given by Parent Power to put the views of parents/carers in Knowsley on the national stage:



If the parents and carers aren't involved, it will be difficult for the children to reach their full potential. If children can be exposed to success stories, to role models around them, they can understand the opportunities available. They can see that they can achieve what they want to achieve.