

Peterborough Parent Power

About Parent Power

Through advice and guidance on accessing higher education, and developing skills in community organising, Parent Power, in partnership with the University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University, empowers parents and carers in Peterborough to make change in their children's future.



Peterborough Parent Power in Numbers

46

Parents/Carers

47

relational 121 meetings with 23 parent/carers.

100%

of parents/carers and students who attend the chapters trip felt they gained knowledge about HE.

Peterborough Parent Power Activities

1. University Trips

The group have visited Trinity College, Cambridge and hold their regular meetings at ARU: Peterborough, helping parents to see that they belong in university spaces.

2. Local Campaigns

Through community listening, we identified that many parents/carers were lacking the personal networks to organise work experience for their children. The group took this challenge to ARU, who agreed to host a pilot work experience programme for the local community in 2024/25.

Laura's Story

The timing for me was brilliant. I just felt like I didn't really know what avenues were open [to my children], and so thought that I would find out everything that I possibly could. Through Parent Power, [I've discovered] all of these different avenues that I would never have known about.

Laura feels a strong sense of pride in her local community, and is often left confused when surveys or reports are published announcing Peterborough as one of the worst places to live in the UK. For Laura, those surveys fail to reflect the strong community spirit that exists in the city. While she didn't attend university herself, she came to Peterborough Parent Power keen to find out more about the opportunities that were available for her children. She really values the resources that have been shared with her, and the supportive community that she's been able to join through the chapter. For Laura, Parent Power is one of the many reasons that we should be talking Peterborough up, rather than down.



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