



South Ayrshire  
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Partnership



## CHILDREN SERVICES CHAMPIONS BOARD

### Valuing the voices of lived experience

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Tonie is 30 and works as Participation Assistant with South Ayrshire Champions Board.

Thanks to Corra Promise Partnership funding Tonie secured a sessional promise post with South Ayrshire Champions Board in 2021.

This post was specifically protected for someone with care experience.

Tonie then applied for a permanent Participation Assistant post in September 2023, and was successful.

Tonie runs the Ayr Academy school-based group and Domain Champs group. She delivers awareness raising sessions and takes part in national networks that support the voices of lived experience to influence change



***“I’ve learned so much since I started doing this job, I feel that by being a working mum I’m a good role model for my children. I have delivered presentations, contributed to planning new services, shared my experience of services through film and used my story to speak to elected members and shape training such as permanency training.***

***The bit I love most about my job is that I get to be the adult for young people that I needed when I was younger. I’m a worker a team member and role model and I can really see the difference we’re making. The promise has given me the opportunity to find ‘my people’ across the care community”***