**Council motion: YCAD 2023**

Council notes:

* Each year Carers Trust organises Young Carers Action Day (YCAD) to raise public awareness of the challenges faced by young people because of their caring role, and to campaign for greater support for young and young adult carers to meet their needs
* Young Carers Action Day is 15 March 2023 and this year’s theme is ‘Make Time for Young Carers’
* [Key stats e.g. estimates suggesting that as many as one in five schoolchildren could be young carers (University of Nottingham 2018), with this number increasing during the COVID-19 pandemic.]
* Caring for someone can be very isolating, worrying, and stressful. For young and young adult carers, this can negatively impact on their experiences and outcomes in education, having a lasting effect on their life chances.

Council resolves:

* Commend the young and young adult carers across our Local Authority
* To promote YCAD on an annual basis
* [Local ask]
* To write to the UK/Scottish/Welsh [delete as appropriate] Government to commit to [insert ask]
* To write to the local Members of Parliament and ask them to join the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Young Carers and Young Adult Carers
* <Scotland only> Write to the local Members of the Scottish Parliament and ask them to join the Cross-Party Group (CPG) for Unpaid Carers.

Please do feel free to adapt this motion. You can search for local carers organisations in your area using our online tool [here](https://carers.org/help-and-info/carer-services-near-you). In Scotland you can check out local carer organisations [here](https://www.careinfoscotland.scot/topics/support-for-carers/carer-centres/). You may wish to mention them in the Council motion to highlight the local work they do.