



The Our Voices Matter (OVM) Charter

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The Young People of OVM:

We want Our Voices Matter to be; an international community of children and young people, a safe place of trust, fun and non-judgement, for children and young people from different backgrounds and with different experiences. OVM is a movement where we are taken seriously, listened to and encouraged to grow in confidence and ability to speak loudly about our future and the future of other children and young people especially the ones who are less able to speak for themselves.

We want to work for a world where children and young people are treated with respect and love, appreciated and encouraged and are given the opportunity to grow up in a family and to develop their potential. A world where institutions are an unacceptable way of caring for children.

We pledge ourselves to learn all we can, to support each other, to listen to other children and to speak for them when it is right to do so, and, in a spirit of cooperation, to do all we can to hold ourselves, our organisations, communities and societies to account.

We will do this by attending and contributing to our national and international meetings, meeting with other young people and listening to them and speaking for them based on our own experiences and their voices.

We also pledge to use the OVM Charter to leverage support for the promotion and implementation of the Global Charter for Children's Care Reform.

Signed:

Date: January 16, 2026

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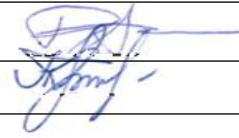
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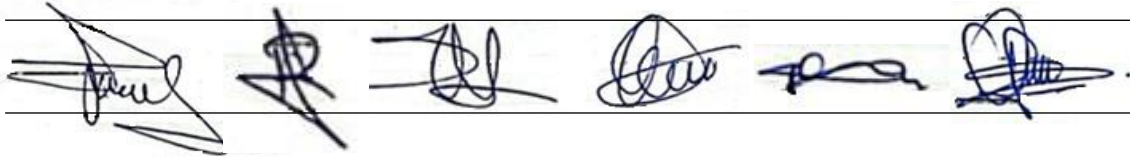
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The National commitment to supporting OVM:

We, as the Directors and SMTs of HHC programmes and partners, pledge to make ourselves accountable to the children and young people we work with and to supporting the Our Voices Matter Movement – the OVM and all the groups who promote children’s voices and in all the ways those voices can be heard.

We promise to work with them in a spirit of cooperation, to listen to them and to take their voices into account in our management structures and programming.

We also pledge to develop and use a feedback mechanism so that young people know we are listening to them and that they can hold us to account over the things we have agreed on.

We will do this by developing at a time that is right for us and a way that fits with the shape of our national programme, a Youth Advisory Group formed of children and young people from OVM who we will listen to, consult with and empower to be the voices of other children and young people.

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We also pledge to work with the OVM young people and the Charter to champion support for the promotion and implementation of the Global Charter on Children's Care Reform. **Date:** January 16, 2026



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The International commitment to supporting OVM:



We, as Trustees and Senior Management of Hope and Homes for Children pledge ourselves to making our organisation accountable to children, young people and the families we exist to serve.

We pledge to do this by promoting the Our Voices Matter through raising funds and dedicating resources to its development, valuing the voices and opinions of young people, strengthening those voices and ensuring they have a platform to be heard and a mechanism to hold us to account when we agree to do something.

We pledge to strengthen our accountability through supporting, working with and answering to the Global Youth Advisory Group in a spirit of mutual cooperation.

We also pledge to work with the OVM young people and the Charter to champion support for the promotion and implementation of the Global Charter on Children's Care Reform.

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Martina Larkin
Chair of Trustees, HHC

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Chief Executive

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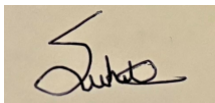
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