



Living Well North Tyneside

Supporting Health and Wellbeing

On March 13, 2024, we come together to recognise and support young carers on Young Carers Action Day. This significant day serves as a platform for advocating better support systems and creating positive changes in the lives of young carers and young adult carers.

Understanding the Role of Young Carers: Young carers are individuals under the age of 18 who take on significant caring responsibilities for a family member or friend who has a physical or mental illness, disability, or substance misuse issue. These young individuals often shoulder responsibilities beyond their years, balancing caregiving duties with school, work, and other aspects of their lives.

The Importance of Young Carers Action Day: Young Carers Action Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges faced by young carers and advocate for the support they need. It's a day to amplify their voices, highlight their contributions, and call for systemic changes to ensure they receive the recognition, assistance, and opportunities they deserve.

Advocating for Better Support: One of the key objectives of Young Carers Action Day is to advocate for better support systems for young carers. This includes ensuring access to practical and emotional support, respite care, and educational opportunities tailored to their needs. By advocating for policy changes and increased funding for support services, we can help alleviate the burden on young carers and promote their wellbeing.

Raising Awareness and Breaking Stigma: Young Carers Action Day also plays a crucial role in raising awareness and breaking the stigma surrounding young carers. Many young carers may not identify themselves as such or may feel isolated due to the stigma associated with their role. By raising awareness and fostering understanding within communities and educational institutions, we can create a more supportive environment for young carers to thrive.

Taking Action Together: As individuals and communities, we can all play a role in supporting young carers on Young Carers Action Day and beyond. Whether it's through volunteering with local support organisations, advocating for policy changes, or simply reaching out to offer support and encouragement, every action counts. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of young carers and ensure they have the support they need to flourish.

Conclusion: Young Carers Action Day is a reminder of the invaluable contributions of young carers and an opportunity to advocate for better support systems and opportunities for them. By raising awareness, breaking stigma, and taking action, we can empower young carers to lead fulfilling lives while balancing their caregiving responsibilities.

On March 13, let's stand in solidarity with young carers and work towards a future where they receive the recognition, support, and opportunities they deserve.

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