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Centre seeks Executive Director

We are looking for an Executive Director to lead the Centre through its start-up phase to 2020, and beyond.

Working with our Founding Chair, Sir Alan Wood, our Executive Director will develop the Centre's strategy, build its team, and be its lead ambassador.

We are looking for an ambitious and experienced leader with energy and creativity. The successful candidate will combine an entrepreneurial approach with an outstanding record of success in navigating complex systems and getting things done. Above all else they will bring passion for evidence-based policy and practice in public services and a deep commitment to improving outcomes for children and young people, and their families.

Closing date: Mon 10 September 2018

[Find details including the candidate pack.](#)

Children and young people's panel

Last week, 19 young people from across the country, along with their support workers, got together for the second children and young people's panel.

They had some lively and thought-provoking discussions about how young people should be involved in the Centre as it continues to develop – with ideas ranging from having young advisors to the Centre, to 'takeover' days when they might manage the Centre for day.

They also talked about the outcomes that matter to them – what difference social care makes to their own lives and experiences. As one young person said, good social care for them meant being able to "Show the world what I can do".

Read the blog by Hannah Roscoe: [A 'chance to show the world what I can do'](#)

Local partnerships well underway

Following last week's announcement about our partnership with 21 pioneer local authorities and trusts, work is now well underway. We have held kick-off meetings with several of our partners, with the remaining kick-offs scheduled for the coming weeks. These have given us a great insight into some of the interesting approaches that local authorities and trusts are taking, as well as the challenges they face.

In the most recent vlog about the partnerships, Mike Bowden, Corporate Director, Bath and North East Somerset Council, says: *"It will enable us to embed the latest research evidence into our social work practice"*

BaNES is working with the Centre's research partner Cardiff University to explore how the 'front door' to the children's safeguarding system is currently managed, and generate ideas for how it might be improved.

[View Mike Bowden's vlog](#)

[Find out more about the partnerships](#)

Meet the team at Autumn conferences

The Centre will be exhibiting and speaking at the following events later this year. Further details to follow, but we hope to see you there.

3-4 September – [Joint Social Work Education and Research Conference, Canterbury](#)

25-26 September – [Community Care Live, London](#)

14-16 November – [National Children's and Adults' Services Conference, Manchester](#)

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