Care Leavers' Stories Project

- **Were you in care as a child or young person?**
- **Are you 21 – 99 years old?**
- **Do you live in England?**
- **Would you like the opportunity to tell your life story?**

The Care Leavers' Stories Project is a unique opportunity to tell your life story in your own words. You will be in control of your story. Care leavers have really precious stories to share. We want to hear your experiences both positive and negative. We can understand how the system has changed over time and learn valuable lessons by listening to the experiences of people who have been in care.

We wish to interview 25 care experienced people, who are aged 21 or older and living in England, and record their life stories on digital video. People who take part will be interviewed by specially trained young people who have also been through the care system. We will aim to make the interview process a safe, supportive and empowering experience. The films will be recorded in London between March and July 2013. They will archived by the British Library as part of their oral history collection. This means the stories will be preserved in the British Library for hundreds of years to come.

The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) will make some very short documentary videos which will summarise main messages from all the stories. These films will be available on SCIE's website and used to help improve social care services.

If you would like to take part in this important and valuable project please contact Jane Greenstock 0207 024 7667 or jane.greenstock@scie.org.uk for more information. As a thank you to people who contribute life story interviews a £20 gift token is offered.

The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) improves the lives of people who use care services by sharing knowledge about what works; http://www.scie.org.uk/

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