

## Shevonne – standing up for care leavers

Shevonne has been working for Drive Forward Foundation, as an ambassador, for six months.

Drive Forward Foundation supports young people who have left care to support them into employment.

Shevonne has been in care and so came to Drive Forward to gain support in getting a job. Upon starting her career in a government department, she was keen to continue to support Drive Forward and other young people who have left care and so joined our ambassador group as a volunteer.

Having left care, she is well aware of the challenges that come with moving into independence at age 17. She is passionate about changing the system at a policy level so that others do not have to face the challenges that she has faced upon moving into employment.

Too often it is those that have high aspirations who are held back by the system because of the cost of living in London and lack of support upon moving into work.

Shevonne is a passionate advocate for care leavers and committed to meeting with policy makers so that they are informed on the realities facing care leavers. This has included engaging with a local London MP who has since committed to host an event for other young people leaving care in Westminster attended by local MPs across London.

**It is essential for Drive Forward to have volunteers like Shevonne, who is a voice for London's care leavers.**

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