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# Distress Signals: Call for legal guardians

The young campaigners use their lived experiences as the driver for making 'real' change for unaccompanied children in the care  and immigration systems.

They will talk about their experiences and solutions through their campaign for legal guardians and will answer questions at the end of the presentation.

Although they share some aspects of their experiences, may we ask that you do not ask any personal questions about their individual cases.

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# Youth-led Commission on Separated Children

## Who are the Youth-led Commission?

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# What worked well for me….

***She was a very supportive professional that stood up for me when I was scared to express myself.***

***She listened to me, trusted my story, and helped me with all that she could.***

***I would like all social workers to be realistic as mine, try to be trauma informed, and refer young people to the right professionals***

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# What could have been better...

- Level of professionalism
- Differences in accommodation approaches
- Communication- delay in receiving responses
- Access to higher education bursary as an asylum seeker
- Tripple pathway plans

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# Our Solution to improve lives for young people

Guardians

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# Our recommendation

All children arriving in England and Wales to be provided with a legal guardian, someone to support them from end to end so they do not struggle like we did.

## and how you can help.....

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# Thank you

Guardians for unaccompanied children | The Children's Society (childrenssociety.org.uk)
Guardians webpage
Distress Signals report, 2018
Society newsletter, June 2022
Podcast: Part 1: https://bit.ly/3yHLbcb  Part 2: http://bit.ly/3FuXRHb

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