



An initiative of the Office of the Children's Rights Director celebrating care leavers' achievements

Know Your Care Leaver A to Z!

Each care leaver on this list has achieved amazing things! They have had successful careers, left a lasting impact on society through their work and overcome significant challenges from difficult beginnings. Some you will recognise as household names, whilst others are just silent superstars in their own right! Being a care leaver is nothing to be ashamed or embarrassed about – in fact it is something to be proud of. Stand up for care leavers. Why not email names of people from care who you think have achieved amazing things. It might be you!!

Send brief details to mike.lindsay@ofsted.gov.uk and we will see if we can increase this list to 500 in the next twelve months!

NOTE: This list does not include children brought up exclusively as adoptees, war-time evacuees or in kinship care

A	1	David Akinsanya	Television producer
A	2	Kriss Akabusi	Athlete
A	3	Louis Armstrong	Iconic American jazz musician
A	4	Alison Alexander	Assistant Director, Southampton
B	5	Ashley J Baptiste	Cambridge graduate and X Factor finalist
B	6	Leo Blair	Actor, Tony Blair's father
B	7	Gilmar Blackwood	Creative designer
B	8	Jim Bowen	Comedian and television presenter



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B	9	Paul Barber	Actor
B	10	Frank Bruno	Former World heavyweight boxing champion
B	11	Mark Bright	Footballer and television presenter
B	12	John Banks	Former government minister and Mayor of Auckland in New Zealand
B	13	John Bird	Founder of 'The Big Issue' magazine
B	14	Dilly Braimoh	Television presenter and producer
B	15	Rita Mae Brown	American women's rights writer
C	16	Catherine Cookson	Author
C	17	John Chant	Former Director of Social Services for Somerset & Director of Social Work for Lothian
C	18	Caroline Carnot	Ghost-writer
C	19	Charlie Chaplin	Film actor
C	20	Brian Connolly	Comedian and actor
C	21	Teresa Cooper	Autobiographical author
C	22	Patricia Cornwell	Best-selling crime writer
C	23	Coco Chanel	Fashion designer and perfumist
C	24	Tim Clare	Children's rights activist and former 'Mr Leicester'

D	25	David Divine	Former Director of Social Services for Brent
D	26	Ian Dickson	Independent consultant and advocate retired social care inspector
D	27	Ray Dunning	Business entrepreneur
D	28	Alexandra Danilova	Ballerina
D	29	Paddy Doyle	Irish author and campaigner
E	30	Peter Eaton	Bookseller
E	31	Barry Evans	Television and film actor
F	32	Shirley Ann Field	Actress
F	33	John Fashanu	Professional footballer
F	34	Justin Fashanu	Professional footballer
F	35	Carol Floris	Manager of Voices from Care
F	36	Fred Fever	Autobiographical author
F	37	Phil Frampton	Autobiographical author, freelance researcher and writer
F	38	Antwone Fisher	Screenwriter and actor
F	39	Ella Fitzgerald	Iconic American jazz singer
G	40	Goldie	Musician

G	41	Cary Grant	American actor
G	42	James Gooding	Award-winning photographer
G	43	Dr Jim Goddard	Senior lecturer in social policy
G	44	Michael Groce	Poet
G	45	Graham Gaskin	Access to files pioneer
G	46	Larry Grayson	Television presenter
H	47	Damien Hirst	Artist
H	48	Delma Hughes	Founder and director of Siblings Together
H	49	Paolo Hewitt	Autobiographical author and journalist
H	50	Debbie Harry	Singer
H	51	Matthew Huggins	Autobiographical writer and CEO of Care Matters Partnership
H	52	David Hill	Head of Soccer Australia and former chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation
I	53	Ivor Frank	Barrister
J	54	Derek Jameson	Broadcaster and journalist
J	55	Lennie James	Actor and playwright
K	56	Kathy Burke	Actress

K	57	Kay-Jay	Musician, songwriter, actor
K	58	Kerry Katona	Singer and television personality
K	59	Rudyard Kipling	Author
L	60	Lemn Sissay	Poet
L	61	Dr Mike Lindsay	Head of Advice, Office of the Children's Rights Director
L	62	Kevin Lewis	Autobiographical author
L	63	Jane Lapotaire	Actress
M	64	Neil Morrissey	Actor
M	65	Marilyn Monroe	Film actress
M	66	Helen Mason	Social care consultant and trainer
M	67	Eddie Murphy	Film actor
M	68	Dr Peter McParlin	Child and educational psychologist
M	69	Shane McGaw	Graphics/web designer
M	70	Steve McQueen	American film actor
M	71	Harry Martinson	Nobel prize-winning author
N	72	Sir Norman Wisdom	Actor and entertainer

O	73	Bruce Oldfield	Fashion designer
P	74	Tony Pidgley	Multi-millionaire businessman
P	75	Edgar Allan Poe	American author
Q	76	Dr Phil Quinn	American child abuse expert
R	77	Richard Burton	Actor
R	78	Callie Rogers	Lottery winner
R	79	Marina Raime	Director of Betterdays Cancer Care
R	80	Mark Riddell	Autobiographical author
R	81	Victoria Rowell	American actress
S	82	Samantha Morton	Oscar-nominated actress
S	83	Seal	Singer
S	84	Meera Spillett	Director of Children's Services, Oxfordshire
S	85	William "Billy" Smart	Senior psychiatric nurse
S	86	Robyn Smith	American female jockey
T	87	Leslie Thomas	Author
T	88	Mike Tyson	Former World heavyweight boxing champion

U	89	"Professor" Stanley Unwin	British comedy actor
V	90	Vanessa Mae	Classical violinist
V	91	Victoria Hull	Clerk to the Associate Parliamentary Group for Looked After Children and Care Leavers
V	92	Vidal Sassoon	Hairstylist
W	93	Maxine Wrigley	CEO of A National Voice and Member of the British Empire (MBE)
W	94	David Whelan	Autobiographical author
W	95	Gary Wilmot	Comedian and entertainer
W	96	Fatima Whitbread	Athlete
X	97	Malcolm X	Civil rights activist
Y	98	Yong Sul Choi	Martial Arts expert
Z	99	Stefan Zweig	Award-winning film cameraman
Z	100	Zachari Duncalf	Research Fellow

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