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Creating Stable Futures: Human Trafficking, Participation and Outcomes for Children

Lived Experience quotes (Education)

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‘When you first come here, school or education they’re going to learn about the system of the UK and they’re going to know about what they have to do and what the government have to do so they know their rights.’

‘So, you become autonomous, you become ... able to rely on yourself.’

‘Yeah, at school they support us which mean,
family support me because ,, I’m, my parents
support me but my teacher also support me.
They want what I want to for future ...’

‘So, if we work and we study some still while
doing English we’re not feeling stuck...’

‘You’re missing out, you’re missing education...

They also, asylum seekers, they can’t go to university, and they can ... study part time in college. This one needs to change as well because they want to study and they just, they might get papers a year later, which is they’re just wasting a year and wasting some modules. ... it’s not fair just because you’re waiting for an answer you can’t do fulltime course, or you can’t go to uni.’

‘And that happened to me. I was waiting. I got mine but it just took a bit longer because it was a longer case, whatever. And because it took a bit longer, all my class was fulltime and I had to take off some of the modules, so I started part time.’

‘It was this person thinking about the future. So if they don’t get this [legal status], their life is destroyed and they can’t do anything else.’

‘But then you can’t go to university without papers, you can’t even go to college. Some college turn me down.’

‘I’ve done two years in that college already, my third year in that college ... I am telling you seriously like, it make you go mad. So, if literally someone said do this 2-year route, and said he is going back, then just give his documents and straightaway there will be mad seriously, because the stress of documents can make you go mad. It doesn’t matter who you are, you are an immigrant.’

‘Let just speak about the possibilities. Like if we want to go to university as an asylum seeker it’s not working because like if you’re an asylum seeker, you want to go to a university, that is not going to happen or unless that you have your decision from the Home Office. You know, that is the one thing that is really struggling for some of us like.’

‘The disappointment is education. And the support needed is equal access to student finance without being discriminated [against] ... so the support is educational, [having a] social worker, giving young people alternative ... apprenticeships as well, it’s not just about focusing on only schools and things like that. And the last support I feel is part time job or work experience as well.’

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Thank you!

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