# Transcript – CELCIS blog – CHAMPS Board – Isaac Hussein

I'm Isaac Hussein. I work with the Champions Board. I've also had experience of care as well. So, a Champions Board, we are a voice for young kids and young people all around South Ayrshire. We're one of 21 champions boards in Scotland. The Champions Board is run by young people that have had lived experience in care. What we do is we are here to help other young people going through the system, either in care or coming out of care, and to support young people that are maybe struggling or not knowing their rights, and we're there to tell them their rights and what are the entitlements are. So young people that are care experienced in, for instance, Belmont Academy may not have the support before, so the Champions Board is trying to make sure that all kids and young people in Belmont Academy are getting the right support and help and recognising that they might need additional support as well for the young people in the school. And also recognising that the school is a parent to these young people. So they have that responsibility as well. It can be emotional support, physical support, like as they need to apply for jobs or support home life, maybe if it is not going so well, being there and being caring just, overall, being a parent to these young people. My role is to support these young people that are in care or coming out of care and share my own experience of being in care and showing that you can become anyone you want. Showing that you can do it. It's made a huge difference. I wish I had something like this myself. And I think that the young people are recognising that this is a really good thing for these kids and young people in the school, to feel belonging into a school, feel that they're being listened to, feel like they got other young people who may be going through the similar situation as them, maybe feel comfortable talking about their own experiences with other young people.

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