

Developed for teens by teens

AT-iD was created out of a need for adopted teenagers to connect with each other.

The project opens up opportunities for adopted teenagers to meet. Some share experiences, some enjoy just being amongst those in similar circumstances.

Available for teenagers 11 -18 in Yorkshire & Humber There are 5 main parts to the project

- Website
- Rant line
- Online chat forum
- Activity days
- Youth council



The overarching aims of AT-iD

- Provide information relative to teens to help normalise experiences & increasing understanding & awareness
- Give adoptees ownership over their service
- Provide safe opportunities for adoptees to connect, share & have fun
- Offer a supportive environment for adoptees to explore questions & issues
- Support adoptees to have a voice about their experiences, increases awareness & influence practice

The benefits of this approach

- Spending time with other adoptees helps members feel less alone & different.
- It helps normalises their experiences as they share common themes.
- Talking adoption with each other or workers stimulates further discussion, opens up new questions & helps processing of experience & identity.
- Having a voice allows them to inform our understanding of what it is to be adopted.

'AT-iD is my adopted family'

'I can be myself here & I feel that everyone really gets what I'm talking about'

'I feel more confident & proud of who I am'

What they have to say AT-iD film - VOICES

adopted teens themselves.

Adopted teens have something to say about what it's like to be them, how they feel they're viewed by the world, and what they want people to know and understand about the world of adoption. The film features actual voices of adopted teens, interviews with people who work with them, and Vox Pops with people on the street to see just what ideas and misconceptions might be out there. Ultimately the film looks to provide insight and to fill a void in the public's perception about adoption—the true feelings of the

How we do it.

Members have ownership of content – what matters to them- not us!

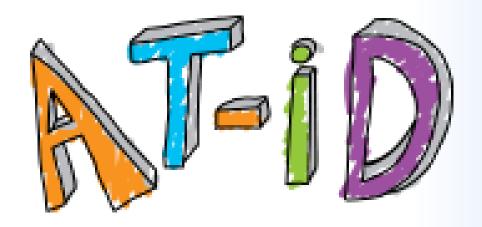


Meetings are frequent, safe, fun, supportive and members & workers are consistent.

We take stock of what they are amazing at

Members are valued for their contribution

We provide visible outcomes for their work



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