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Snowdon Climb 2025: A Summit of Strength, Spirit and Support

On the 6th of September 2025, Shining Stars staff came together to take on the challenge of climbing Mount Snowdon—not just for the adventure, but to raise vital funds for young people in and leaving foster care. The result was an incredible £2,398 raised and a weekend filled with achievement, connection and joy.



The Cause: Supporting Our Young People

Every step of the climb was taken with purpose. The funds raised will directly support care-experienced young people by:

- Providing starter packs for those moving into independence
- Funding tutoring, driving lessons and educational resources
- Offering access to therapy, gym memberships and wellbeing services
- Celebrating milestones such as birthdays and graduations
- Enabling participation in cultural and recreational activities

Importantly, this initiative is young people led, with care-experienced individuals helping shape how the funds are spent to ensure meaningful impact.



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The Achievement: A Mountain Conquered and Funds Raised

The climb was both a physical and emotional triumph. Staff from across the team joined forces to push boundaries and celebrate their shared commitment to young people. Feedback from the team captured the spirit of the event:

"I had the best weekend... bring on the next climb." "Still buzzing that I climbed Snowdon. We're so lucky to have directors who give us this opportunity." "Had a great time with everyone for such an amazing cause."



The Fun Factor: Shared Moments and Lasting Memories

From shared snacks to encouraging conversations, the weekend was filled with laughter and camaraderie. The climb reminded everyone that joy and purpose can go hand in hand, and that shared experiences build lasting bonds.

Team Building and Wellbeing: Stronger Together

The climb strengthened relationships, boosted morale and reinforced the importance of staff wellbeing. It was a chance to recharge, reflect and reconnect—with nature, with each other and with the mission that drives Shining Stars forward.

Looking Ahead

To keep this momentum going, we plan to establish similar team challenges and fund raising initiatives as an annual tradition. Plans are already underway for next year's challenge, with even more young people involvement, storytelling and community partnerships. With "£2,398 raised and a team energised by shared purpose, we are proud to continue building a culture of care that uplifts both young people and the professionals who support them.

Together, we climbed a mountain. Together, we're building futures.

If you'd like to learn more about Shining Stars' fundraising initiatives or explore fostering opportunities, we'd love to hear from you—please get in touch.