



# Next: A Digital Platform for Care Leavers

Co-designed with a care leaver, built to support independence.

Transitioning out of care is a pivotal moment for young people, often marked by sudden independence, complex responsibilities, and reduced access to support. **next.bridgit.care** has been developed to provide care leavers with practical advice, personalised coaching, and connections to local services.



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The platform has been shaped over the summer with direct input from **Jayden, a care leaver on the Bridgit team**, ensuring it reflects real experiences and speaks authentically to those making the transition.

## Our Aims

- Provide clear, accessible guidance on housing, finance, work, and wellbeing.
- Support care leavers through the transition from child to adult services.
- Create a trusted digital space that is private, non-stigmatising, and empowering.
- Enable councils and charities to deliver consistent, preventative support.

## Co-Design with Lived Experience

Working alongside **Jayden, a care leaver on the Bridgit team**, the platform was co-designed to be practical, relatable, and inclusive. His input shaped the tone of voice & key priorities.

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Next has been built with lived experience at its heart – care leavers helping to design the support they wish they'd had.

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Next is shaping a new standard of digital support for care leavers — focused on independence, and designed to empower. Learn more at **next.bridgit.care**

## How It Works

**AI Coaches** – cover housing, jobs, benefits, education, & wellbeing.

**Transition Planning Tools** – help leavers manage the shift from care into independent living.

**Check-ins & Nudges** – keep young people engaged, supported, and on track.

**Local Signposting** – direct links to council leaving care teams, housing services, and community organisations.



## LOOKING AHEAD

**Wider testing** with care leaver groups and local authorities;

**Adding modules on rights, training, and independent living skills; Developing analytics** dashboards for councils; and **Scaling nationally** as a trusted support model for care leavers.

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