



A National Voice Press Release

Royal Couple Offer Support to Children in Care...

"We are delighted to announce that on the occasion of their marriage, **Prince William** and **Miss Catherine Middleton** have selected A National Voice as one of their chosen charities to benefit from the **Royal Wedding Charitable Gift Fund**.

St James' Palace has informed us that the Royal couple have been touched by the good will shown them since the announcement of their engagement and are inviting anyone wishing to send them a gift to do so in the form of a charitable donation.

Only 26 charities from across the world have been nominated by Prince William and Miss Middleton to reflect the issues in which they have a particular interest. We are honoured to have been chosen alongside a range of charities who are changing lives around the world. It is so welcome to see that the important work of less well known charities is being recognised in this thoughtful way. On any one day almost 65,000 children are growing up in care in England. A National Voice exists to make sure that children in care get the support they need, so that they can achieve their potential and fulfil their dreams. The support of the Royal couple is an invaluable boost to our work.

If you are considering celebrating this special occasion by making a donation, please go to www.royalweddingcharityfund.org. You will be able to donate by text, on line, over the phone or by cheque.

A National Voice would like to extend their warmest congratulations to Prince William and Miss Middleton and our gratitude at being selected for this prestigious fund."

"True love stories never have endings"... Richard Bach

Notes to editor:

- 12 per cent achieved 5 or more GCSEs or the equivalent including English and mathematics at grades A* to C, compared to 53.1 per cent of young people in total
- 7 per cent were in higher education, compared to 36% of young people going to university overall (I would imagine that includes care leavers too though...)
- Leaving home, no official stat, but Tim Loughton said the following at the annual Leaving Care Conference: "other young people – whose average age of leaving home now is 24, and rising. While many teenagers in the care system may feel they are ready to face the world at 16, and some may well be ready, it's possible that things could fall apart when they are 17/18."