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Meet Ben, a member of Every Child Leaving Care Matters Board and author of 51 moves, a first-hand description of growing up in care. We all know that Ben is committed to young people who have care experience but he has taken that commitment to the next level.

Ben has decided to walk from Halifax to Parliament to spread the word of the ECLCM campaign. Ben will leave Halifax on Sunday 24 September and walk to London stopping off at Littleborough, Manchester, Haydock, Sefton, Liverpool, Chester, Nantwich, Eccleshall, Cannock, Dordon, Lutterworth, Northampton, Milton Keynes, Dunstable, St Albans before arriving in Parliament on Wednesday 11 October, see below for detailed schedule.

Ben has had his walking boots on for a few months now and has covered a lot of ground to get ready for this challenge and he has already received a lot of support. The ECLCM team are right behind him and will join him on as many days as possible during the journey, we will be waiting for him in London too.

Some of you will have seen the badges we have had produced highlighting the walk, please wear them and let Ben know you are supporting him?

Along the way, Ben will be giving talks at

- Manchester Metropolitan University - Monday 25th September, Brooks Building, 53 Bonsall St, Manchester M15 6GX at 6.30pm
- Liverpool Hope University - Wednesday 27th September, Eden Room at 6.00pm
- Stevenage - Monday 9th October, Hertfordshire Development Centre, SG1 2FQ at 6.30pm

When Ben arrives in Parliament he will be addressing MP's and supporters of ECLCM at Portcullis House having travelled from Yorkshire to London, stopping off at 14 towns and cities along the way. We are sure he will get a great reception and we look forward to hearing his last talk.

Walk Schedule

24th September – Halifax – Littleborough
25th September – Littleborough – Manchester (Talk - Manchester Metropolitan University)
26th September – Manchester – Haydock
27th September – Haydock – Liverpool (Talk – Liverpool Hope University)
28th September – Liverpool – Chester
29th September – Chester – Nantwich
30th September – Nantwich – Eccleshall
3rd October – Eccleshall – Cannock
4th October – Cannock – Dordon
5th October – Dordon – Lutterworth
6th October – Lutterworth – Northampton
7th October – Northampton – Milton Keynes
8th October – Milton Keynes – Dunstable
9th October – Dunstable – St Albans (Talk – Hertfordshire Development Centre)
10th October – St Albans
11th October – London – Parliament

Please follow Ben's journey via the ECLCM Facebook page, twitter page or our website, eclcm.org.

Good luck Ben



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