



Calderdale
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Independent Visitor Service

information for
Independent Visitors



What is an Independent Visitor?

An Independent Visitor is an adult volunteer who has time to share with a child or young person who is in care. Dedicating a few hours each month, you will spend quality time, one to one, on trips and visits. This is a long-term volunteering opportunity.

What does an Independent Visitor do?

- Be a positive role model
- Share and learn new skills
- Mentor
- Listen - give advice
- Befriend
- Share hobbies and interests
- Have fun
- Develop a long-term professional friendship.

Who can be an Independent Visitor?

We are seeking adults aged 21 or over who:

- Get on well with children and young people
- Are able to be a friend to a child or young person for a year or more
- Are enthusiastic and patient
- Can communicate easily with children and young people.

What's involved?

There are a number of steps involved in becoming an Independent Visitor:

- Come along to an information session
- Complete a registration form
- Attend a number of required training courses
- Agree to have references taken and a DBS check completed
- Undergo a home visit.



Do I need experience?

No formal qualifications are needed, but experience of time spent with children or young people is essential.

How much time commitment is required?

Once approved to be an Independent Visitor we'll be looking for around 4-6 hours commitment each month. This time is usually taken in blocks of 4 hours, but sometimes more or less when necessary, depending upon the needs of the child or young person you are matched with.

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