



## **VOLUNTEER INDEPENDENT VISITOR**

**Location: Community based**

**Suggested Time Commitment: 2 hours every 2 weeks**

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### **ABOUT THE ROLE**

All local authorities have a statutory duty to provide an Independent Visitors service in accordance with The Children's Act 1989 (schedule 2, paragraph 17) and the Children and Young Persons Act (2008). We are looking for volunteers (over the age of 21) to befriend a child or young person in care or leaving care. In order to provide opportunities for them to develop a meaningful, long-term relationship.

### **WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO BE DOING?**

Meeting with your young person on a regular basis in the community for a couple of hours.  
To be a consistent person for them to talk to and carry out activities with.  
Activities can include but is not limited to, going for a walk, a milkshake, arts and crafts, baking and many more.  
Acting as a positive role model for young people.  
To keep and submit brief notes about your contact/visits with your young person.

### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?**

- You will receive a thorough induction programme and training to prepare you.
- You will receive quarterly supervisions and ongoing support from a member of the team.
- You will make a real difference to a young person's life.
- You will have opportunities to meet with other volunteers and young people.

### **WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO**

Can establish a positive, stable and long-term befriending relationship with a young person and be a positive role model.  
Is reliable, non-judgemental, a good listener and is able to engage with a child/young person.  
Can promote the child or young persons developmental, social, emotional, educational, cultural and religious needs.  
Can value and respect the wishes and feelings of the child or young person and where necessary represent their wishes and interests to other significant persons.  
Can adhere to policies and procedures at all times with particular emphasis on confidentiality, health and safety, safeguarding and relevant local authority procedures.  
Is 21+ years old.  
Has a full UK driving licence and access to a vehicle.

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