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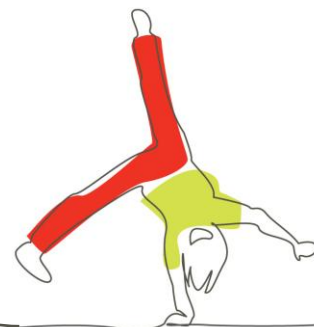
Do something life changing: Foster

as long as it takes



First of all....

Thank you for your continued support

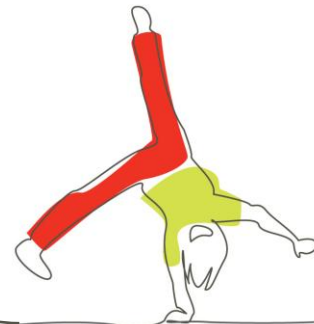


Children and young people who need fostering



- There are over **87,000 children and young people looked after** on any given day in the UK
- In **London** there are **11,000 children in care** and almost 8,000 in foster homes
- Fostering provides children and young people who have often experienced significant abuse and neglect the opportunity to grow and develop:
 - a caring and safe environment when they need it most
 - a life line when they feel that everyone has given up on them

“Because I feel safe and secure and part of the family. They help if there is anything wrong.”
A child in our foster care

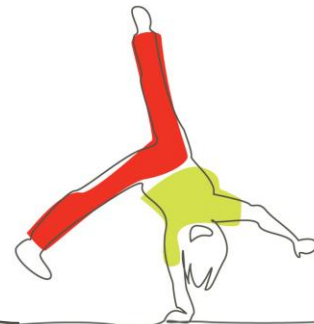


Do you know someone who can help?

- Maybe you know someone who enjoys being around children, wants to give a young person a fresh start in life or simply wants a new, challenging and rewarding career
- From drivers to cafe workers to from teachers to engineers, we help all sorts of people to become foster carers
- It is a rewarding and challenging role as well as an opportunity to make a real difference by transforming a child's life

“There can be nothing better than to turn a child's life about, and make them feel positive about themselves.”

Action for Children Foster Carer



Who can foster?

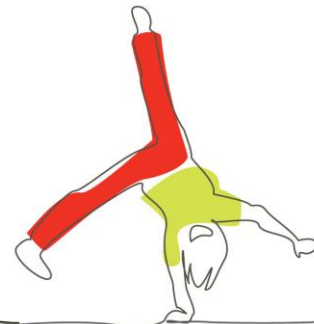
- **We look for people from a wide variety of backgrounds who have:**
 - A spare bedroom
 - Experience of working with or caring for children or young people
 - Time, energy, resilience and understanding

They could be:

- Single, married, in a civil partnership or living with a partner
- From any ethnic background

We don't want people to rule themselves out!

There are many types of foster care ranging from planned weekends, emergencies and short breaks to placements which can last for years



How Action for Children supports children and young people and foster carers

- **High level of support** – our experienced and professional team are there every step of the way, with the additional support of a 24-hour helpline
- **Continuous training and ongoing development** - prepared for the challenges and rewards of fostering
- **Careful matching and planning** - carefully match foster carer skills and experience with the needs of young people to ensure placement stability
- Allowances, competitive fees and breaks
- We see our Foster Carers as a professional part of the team.....

90% of our foster carers felt that the service they had received from Action for Children had made their job easier

A team which is passionate about transforming children's lives

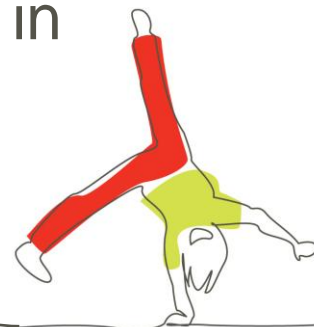


Can you help?

- Pass on the message about the need for foster carers through:
 - Presenting at your local church, work or community groups
 - Putting up our banners and distributing materials in areas that can be seen!
 - Recommending a friend

"It has changed me. It has helped me keep out of trouble"
A young people in our foster care

- Email nadine.eaton@actionforchildren.org.uk or fill in the request form??



What materials are available?

- A wide range of materials including external banners, business cards and posters...and many more



Could you give children and young people the care and support they need to thrive, no matter what their background? If you're up for the challenges and rewards of transforming a child's life, we want to hear from you now.

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Children and young people in your area need foster homes

Could you give children and young people the care and support they need to thrive, no matter what their background? If you can offer a safe and caring home, we'll give you excellent training, competitive fees and all the support you need, for as long as you need it.

If you have experience of caring for vulnerable young people, a spare room, and you're up for the challenges and rewards of transforming a child's life, we want to hear from you now.

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