



Making a
difference that
lasts a lifetime...

Fostering North Yorkshire

*Could you help us make a difference
- by fostering a local teenager?*

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Foster carers who look after teenagers for us come from many backgrounds, but one thing they have in common is a desire to make a difference to the lives of the local young people they foster, and to help them through this difficult time in their lives.

What kind of help do teenagers need?



Young people need help to organise their lives, to deal with their feelings and enjoy good times with friends and where possible, stay in touch with their family. Foster carers need to help teenagers to learn useful practical skills they'll need in the future, especially if they move to live independently, such as cooking and managing money.

Everyone knows teenage years can be a challenge – most of us at some point felt no one understood us and many teenagers feel insecure at times. Imagine how a young person who cannot live with their family will feel. At this critical time in their lives, they need security and support, as well as guidance to help them to make the right life choices.

Who can foster a teenager

Teenagers need foster carers who are reliable, patient and understanding - they need to know where they stand. Carers need to be able to listen, be someone to talk to and help them to make sense of their worries.

People from all sorts of backgrounds can become successful foster carers for teenagers. In our experience, enthusiasm, flexibility and commitment are amongst the key qualities for this role, as well as confidence in dealing with difficult situations.

What about support, training and rewards for me as a foster carer?

We value our foster carers and will provide you with the best training available, plus opportunities for development and progression.

We offer competitive financial packages with generous tax free allowances for each child or young person you foster.

If you foster a teenager aged 15 or under, as an accredited foster carer you will receive an allowance of over £300 per week. Foster carers who have reached advanced level, with skills to support young people with more complex or challenging behaviours, will receive payments and allowances in excess of £500 per week.

Most importantly, we are there when you need us – with locally based social work teams rated outstanding by Ofsted - and access to specialist services as well as your own network of local foster carers for you to call on for help and advice.



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If you want to know more about fostering with us, please contact us in one of the ways below – we would love to hear from you and a member of the team will soon be in touch!

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