

Volunteer Recruitment Advert

Help us to improve the lives of children with disabilities or additional needs across Surrey. We are currently recruiting a number of voluntary positions within Family Voice Surrey.

We are a Parent Carer Forum. We are an independent charity, working across Surrey, that enables the **voice of Parents and Carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** to be heard in the provision of Health, Education and Social Welfare services. Our membership is over 2500 parent carers of children with SEND, and through consulting them, we aim to influence, advise and co-produce services with Surrey Local Authorities.

Family Voice Surrey recognises that people from different backgrounds and with different skills, attitudes and experiences bring fresh ideas and perceptions. Our new volunteers will come with a **variety** of possible experiences and skills and from different backgrounds: -

- **Parents or carers of children with SEND** - i.e. parents and carers that have direct personal experience of the issues we tackle – regardless of your working skills or experience,
- **Or: Working knowledge of the Education, Health (esp. CAMHS) or Social Care** sector, particularly with services for children with SEND.
- **Or: Experience of the charity sector and/or general transferable professional skills** - i.e. Fundraising, Marketing etc.
- **Or: professional skill and insight to the political landscape in Surrey** and an ability to network and influence.

We value and harness difference and wish to make our services relevant and approachable for everyone. We particularly welcome applications from disabled and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) candidates as BAME and disabled people are currently under-represented within our organisation.

If you feel that you fit any of the above, you could be the perfect fit for our team (previous volunteering experience **not** necessary).

As a volunteer you will get:

- Induction, training and reimbursable expenses,
- Opportunities to develop new skills,
- Opportunities to be part of a committed, capable team,
- Opportunities to use your families SEND experience, or your professional skills or just your common sense, to truly make a difference,
- The satisfaction of being involved in something very worthwhile and important.

e.g. Last year our 'Preparing For Adulthood' conference feedback included "I came with a crisis, not knowing where to turn, and am leaving with some answers and a way forward for my son".

The expected time commitment varies to suit your availability and the needs of the organisation. Opportunities include supporting our District & Borough Coordinators in running their coffee mornings and events (currently held online via Zoom), linking with schools and organisations to raise the profile of FVS, promoting our surveys and events and fundraising.

For an informal chat please contact our Business & Engagement Manager, Rachael Foley at rachael.f@familyvoicesurrey.org

To apply, please send an expression of interest and a CV to: claire.p@familyvoicesurrey.org or by post to: Family Voice Surrey, Connect House, Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7LT.

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Please read our [volunteer role description](#) before applying.

