

Introducing the Hounslow Parent & Carer Champion Network

THE HOUNSLOW PARENT/CARER CHAMPIONS NETWORK IS A NEW VOLUNTEER-LED PROJECT FOR PARENTS/CARERS, WHO WILL SUPPORT OTHER PARENTS/CARERS WHOSE CHILDREN MAY BE AT RISK OF OR WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE, EXPLOITATION, ARREST, SCHOOL EXCLUSION, CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS, OR OTHER ISSUES.

THE NETWORK WILL HELP TO SUPPORT PARENTS WHO MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY NAVIGATING SYSTEMS (EDUCATION, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND STATUTORY SERVICES, SUCH AS SOCIAL CARE).

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR PARENTS/CARERS IN HOUNSLOW WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE NETWORK.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARENT/CARER CHAMPION OR YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT: REBECCA.EVANS@HOUNSLOW.GOV.UK



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Become a
Parent/Carer
Champion

Would you like to receive training, incentives and attend networking activities?

Are you passionate about making a positive impact in your community and improving the lives of young people?

Do you have personal experience of overcoming challenges as a parent/carer ?

Do you want to be a part of a network specifically created to support and empower parents/carers in your borough?

Can you offer valuable advice and guidance to other parents/carers?

Do you want to gain a greater understanding of the services and support that is available for children/young people?

PARENT/CARER CHAMPION

What is a Parent/Carer Champion ?

Parent/Carer Champions are parents/carers of children and young people who are passionate about improving the safety for young people in their community. They will bring a **wealth of diverse life experiences**, and **solutions** which are invaluable to the community.

They will volunteer on a regular basis to support and **empower** local parents/carers in their community by offering advice, peer support & providing information about services. Parent/Carer Champions will use their **knowledge** of local agencies/organisations to be **trusted advocates** for parents/carers who may be isolated or are reluctant to access support.

Parent/Carer Champions will be a **bridge between the local authority and parents/carers**, so that we can provide a whole community approach to safeguarding children/young people and **reduce preconceptions** about statutory services. They will raise awareness about child exploitation and aim to **reduce the stigma** around children/young people who are involved in the criminal justice system.

