



WHAT CAN THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY SERVICE OFFER?

Our service is managed by Barnardo's and supported by funding from Wakefield Metropolitan District Council.

We offer an independent advocacy service to any child or young person aged from 0 - 19 years who are 'looked after' by the Wakefield Local Authority and also those that are placed Out of Authority.

Our objectives are to:

- ❖ Advocate on behalf of children and young people to enable their views and wishes to be heard by those in authority
- ❖ Give information about Children's Rights
- ❖ Support or represent children and young people in meetings and reviews
- ❖ Support young people when they make a complaint
- ❖ Facilitate groups of young people and support them in meeting with elected members, policy makers and other professionals
- ❖ To enable young people to participate in staff and social work student training
- ❖ Provide an independent visitors service which is staffed by volunteers
(see under volunteering opportunities)



THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Barnardo's Children's Advocacy Service are seeking volunteers to act as Independent Visitors to children and young people who are 'looked after' by the Local Authority and who have no contact with adult family members.

Are you over 21?

Do you have the time and commitment to give to a child or young person?

Have you patience, a good communicator and the ability to listen and understand the younger generation?

Are you happy to undertake formal training to meet the responsibility of being an Independent Visitor?

If you have answered **YES** to all the above and are interested,
we would like to hear from you

Please Contact

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