



## Information Advice and Support

# Volunteering

This leaflet explains about the opportunities available to you in a volunteering role for our Service.



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## Could you volunteer for us?



*Do you have some time to spare during the day?*

*Could you be flexible with the time that you have available?*

We provide information, advice and support to parents/carers of children or young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) around their special educational needs.

Our aim is:

- To work in partnership with parents/carers, children and young people to achieve positive outcomes.
- To promote a culture of communication and cooperation between parents/carers, young people, the Local Authority, education settings and other voluntary and statutory organisations to enable participation in informed decision making.
- To work with parents/carers, children and young people to ensure that their views, wishes and feelings are heard and valued.

All of our volunteers contribute to this whether directly or indirectly.

Stoke-on-Trent SEND Information Advice and Support Service are continually recruiting and training volunteers to aid us in our role in supporting families who have children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) or young people.

We offer volunteers a number of different opportunities to use and develop their skills, and feel that our service benefits from the range of perspectives that volunteers bring with them.

Volunteers join us for all sorts of reasons - you might want to learn and develop new skills, work with new people, boost your CV credentials, or make a difference in your own community. There are many ways in which you can support our work, from liaising directly with parent/carers or young people, to attending networking meetings, representing us at events, school visits, to doing research or just helping on the administrative side within the office.

All of our volunteers are DBS cleared before taking up their role with our service.

We would be delighted if you chose to join our team as a volunteer and hope that you would find the work with us to be rewarding, interesting and (sometimes) challenging.

