

SURREY INDEPENDENT VISITOR SERVICE

**We need men and women volunteers
to visit and befriend children in care**

Invitation to an opening evening

Wednesday 17 October 2018

7pm to 8.30pm

**Quadrant Court, 35 Guildford Road,
Woking, Surrey GU22 7QQ**

Tuesday 30 October 2018

7pm to 8.30pm

**Consort House, 5-7 Queensway,
Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1YB.**

Introductory training course – Saturday 10 and 17 November 2018 in Leatherhead
(We need volunteers all over Surrey – so please don't let the training venue put you off!)

**Please contact Nicola or Sandy by email independentvisitors@surreycc.gov.uk
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What is an independent visitor?

A volunteer who visits, befriends and advises children in care who are looked after by Surrey County Council and live in foster care or residential homes.

Who needs an independent visitor?

Children and young people usually aged between 10 and 17 who do not have regular contact with a family member or where they would benefit from a regular visitor. Children are from all cultures and backgrounds.

What happens on a visit?

Anything that you both enjoy, from window shopping and fast food to dog walking, ice skating or rock climbing.

You get

- enjoyment of giving your time to a child
- immense personal satisfaction
- initial and ongoing training
- support and back up
- reimbursement of agreed expenses.

You give

- one day per month, usually at weekends
- a commitment to visit for at least two years
- your energy and time to a young person
- participation in independent visitor support groups and training
- your agreement to an enhanced criminal bureau check (DBS), reference and health check.