

## Help and Support is at hand

Within each Children Centre there is a member of staff who can offer you day-to-day support.

## We can offer you

- Dedicated support package from Children's Centre staff and the Early Years Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Free Enhanced CRB check
- Full induction programme
- Regular updates, information and advice for training and volunteering opportunities
- Progression opportunities with other voluntary organisations



**For further information or to request an application pack please contact one of our Children's Centres or the Families Information Service on 0191 433 8515.**

- Bede 0191 433 5633
- Bensham 0191 433 6455
- Birtley @ Barley Mow 0191 433 5000
- Blaydon Winlaton 0191 433 5577
- Chopwell 01207 560 295
- Chowdene 0191 433 5050
- Deckham 0191 433 6300
- Dunston 0191 433 5266
- Felling 0191 433 5646
- High Fell 0191 433 4109
- Highfield 01207 545 732
- Leam Lane 0191 433 6000
- Teams 0191 433 5100
- The Matov 0191 433 6356
- Wardley 0191 433 5277

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# Volunteer in your Children's Centre

## Become a Gateshead Children's Centre Volunteer



**SureStart**



**Would you like the chance to learn a new skill, gain training and help others?**

**By becoming a Children's Centre Volunteer we can offer you this and much more.**

### **We can help you to:**

- Gain a qualification through training with organisations in and around Gateshead
- Learn new skills by volunteering in specific Children's Centre Groups and Activities
- Gain entry into employment by volunteering in an activity that suits you
- Feel valued in your local community and offer plenty of support along the way
- Find work experience with Gateshead Council



It does not matter how much or how little time you are able to give. From one hour to five days a week there is no limit to the amount of volunteering opportunities on offer.

### **There are lots of ways you can get involved.**

You can:

- Support staff in Children's Centre Groups and Activities
- Provide help for Children's Centre Events and outings
- Have an active role to play in your local Children's Centre
- Support new parents accessing a Children's Centre for the first time
- Decide how you want to volunteer with an activity to suit you



### **How to become a Children's Centre Volunteer**

There are a number of simple steps to take to become a Children's Centre Volunteer.

- Visit any Children's Centre in Gateshead to pick up an application pack
- Meet with a member of the Children's Centre team
- Complete a CRB and Medical Health Questionnaire document
- Final meeting to identify a group or activity to start volunteering
- Congratulations you are now a Children's Centre Volunteer



“Volunteering to me personally means being able to give something back to the community in recognition of all that my daughter and I got out of attending groups run by volunteers.”

“Being a volunteer means that you can make a difference in your community. The Children's Centres have really helped with training and I have had a lot of support.”

“I have two children of my own and I use the Children's Centre a lot. Volunteering is my way of giving something back, I can use my experiences of raising children to help other mums. It has also increased my confidence in talking to new people and given me experience of working with young children. The volunteer scheme is also enabling me to gain qualifications which will help me in the future when looking for employment.”