

Children and young people need

Muslim foster carers

In Brighton & Hove, there is a shortage of foster carers with the same cultural or ethnic background as the children coming into care.

The Brighton & Hove Fostering Team invite the **Muslim community** to learn more on:
9 May 12 noon to 2.30pm
Al-Medinah Mosque
BN1 2PT, Brighton

Alternatively, you can register to attend our online information event:
18 June 7pm
bit.ly/4bG4Zza



Why we need more Muslim foster carers

- Fostering can be an incredibly rewarding and fulfilling role
- Brighton & Hove City Council need more Muslim carers to support the faith and cultural needs of Muslim heritage children
- Children should feel comfortable practicing Islam with their foster carer
- Non-Muslim carers need the support of the Muslim community in order to provide the best care possible for Muslim heritage children

Key facts

- Of the 80,000 children in care in England, 6,000- 7,000 are estimated to be Muslim
- 5,000 refugee and asylum seeking children living in care are from Muslim countries such as Sudan, Eritrea, Albania, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Ethiopia and Syria. Most are teenagers

“There is a clear and unequivocal acknowledgement within the British Muslim community of our religious obligations towards Muslim children who no longer have the support of their family structure. For Muslim-heritage children in care to heal and thrive, it is vital for the Muslim community to play an active role.”

(2022 Annual Roundtable Report on Muslim Heritage Children in Care)

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Sajjad and Esmat foster a 13-year-old boy and are looking to foster more children in the future. Esmat says "as Muslims, we believe strongly in the values of compassion, generosity and opening our home and our hearts to someone who needs love and care."

Annie left a successful career in the hospitality industry to pursue her dream of providing a loving home to a child in need. "Having reached the pinnacle of my career in the hospitality industry, I decided to seek other challenges in life; to make the world a better place and to improve the lives of others." When asked what it was like to be an approved foster carer, Annie said "It feels great, alhamdulillah!"



Naseem fosters with her husband. "As a Muslim couple in our late 40s we still had that get up and go feeling. The thing that attracted us to fostering was that we simply love children. One of the community leaders said that fostering a child is rewarding and pointed out that God is pleased with people who take the time to care for children."

Marjani's family went to perform Umrah and took their foster daughter with them. Marjani says, "I was so excited when I got the news, I arranged for her to talk to her birth parents and to share with them how excited she was to go on Umrah."



Call **01273 295444**

E-mail fosteringrecruitment@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/fostering-brighton-hove



All information about fostering can be provided in other languages if required. Brighton & Hove City Council have pledged to become an anti-racist council. The fostering team are committed to ensuring we fulfil this pledge.

For faith guidance on fostering as a Muslim carer, please contact our team or visit www.muslimfosternetwork.org.uk

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