

“I want to be there for someone in the way that I wish someone had been there for me.”

Would you like to use your experience to help other parents – including those who have just been told their child has a disability?

Then why not join our team of volunteer Face 2 Face befrienders?

Find out more

Face 2 Face is an expanding network of local schemes, each supporting local parents whose children have been newly recognised as having a special need or disability.

To find out more about Face 2 Face in this area contact the address below.

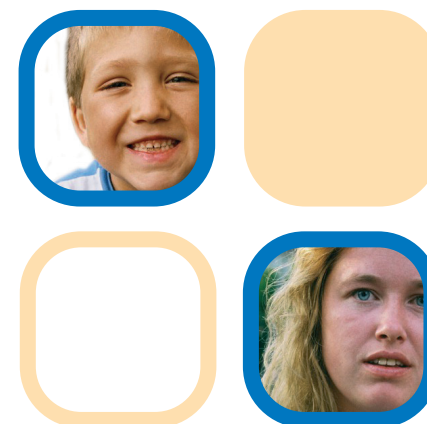
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Parents supporting Parents of Disabled Children

Are you a parent of a disabled child?



You could use your unique experience to support another parent

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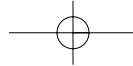
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Use your experience

“My befriender helped me look at what my son could do, rather than what he couldn't.”

As a parent of a child with a disability, you have something unique to offer.

Because of your own experiences you can empathise with new parents and help them to make positive adjustments to the news of their child's disability.

Many parents find it invaluable to have another parent to talk to who can understand and listen.

Why not become a Face 2 Face befriender and support local parents whose children have a disability.

Become a befriender

Face 2 Face offers emotional support to parents of children who have been newly recognised as having a special need or disability.

We recruit and train volunteer parents – people who themselves have disabled children – to act as 'befrienders'. We then link parents with our volunteer befrienders, so that they can meet and talk face to face. Befrienders offer support, practical advice and reassurance to parents.

To become a befriender, at least two years must have passed since you learned of your own child's disability.

The support that is offered by our befrienders varies according to the other parent's needs. Sometimes a single visit to a parent is all that is required; for others it may take several visits.

Training and support

“The training was excellent. Being a befriender is so satisfying because you really make a difference.”

As a volunteer befriender, you will receive all the training you need to be comfortable in your role. You will also become part of a regular support group and there's always a professional to turn to for support.

All Face 2 Face schemes meet quality standards set by the Face 2 Face Network, supported by Scope, one of the UK's leading disability charities.

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Become a befriender and enjoy the satisfaction of giving parents of disabled children the support they need.

