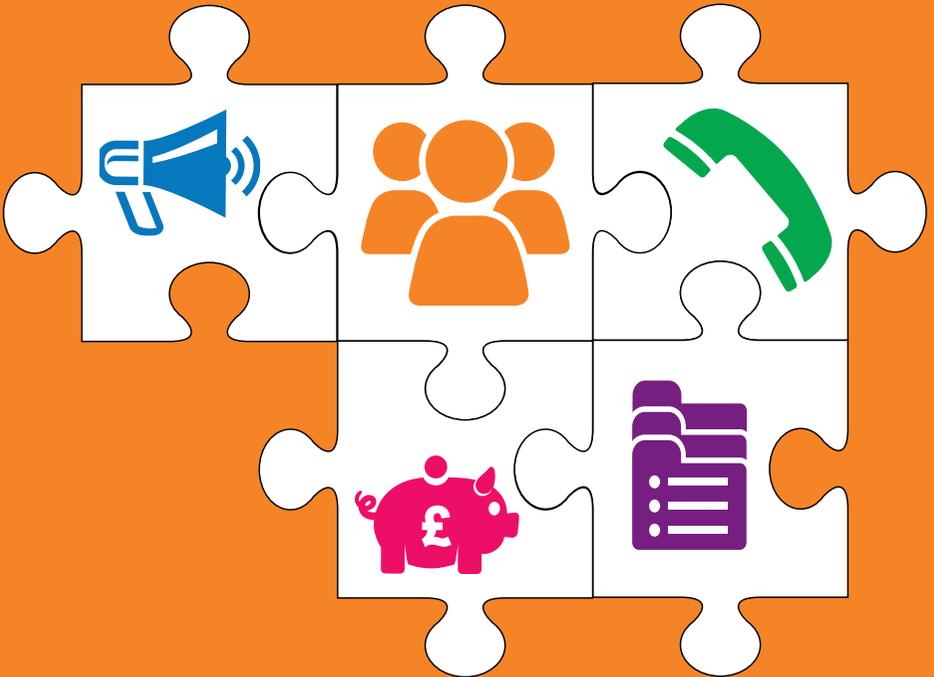


the fostering network
the voice of foster care



Foster carer membership



With you every step of the way

The Fostering Network is the UK's leading charity for foster care and we are dedicated to making foster care better. With almost four decades of experience in supporting foster carers, we know how rewarding fostering can be. We also know that being a foster carer can be demanding. Whether you're just starting out, or have been a foster carer for many years, we're here to help you.

As a member of the Fostering Network you get a whole host of great benefits designed to help you in your role as a foster carer.

Information

We keep you up to date with the latest developments in fostering

Subscription to *Foster Care* magazine

Receive the UK's leading fostering magazine four times a year.

Monthly e-newsletters

Regular email updates on what's happening in fostering.

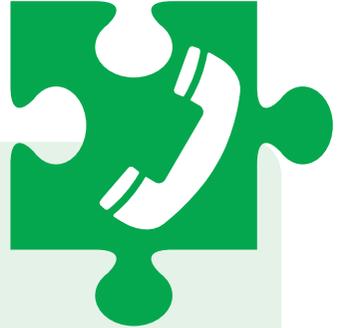
Access to our online resources

Exclusive members-only pages on our website, packed full of practical information and helpful guidance.



Advice and support

We provide you with expert advice and support when you need it



24-hour dedicated helplines

Confidential helplines available 24 hours a day: legal advice for all your legal queries (whether or not they are related to fostering) and a stress counselling helpline.

Expert legal assistance

Attendance by a qualified and experienced solicitor if you, or any of your household, are required to attend a police interview as a result of an allegation.

Legal expenses cover

Cover for up to £100,000 if a criminal or civil proceeding is brought against you, or any of your household, as a result of an allegation.

Advice on tax, national insurance and benefits

Our six free *Signposts in Fostering* booklets provide advice and information on crucial areas of foster care. The two finance guides – *Income Tax and National Insurance* and *Benefits* – are updated after every Budget.

Exclusive financial advice on mortgages and pensions

Whether you're trying to find a suitable mortgage, or need advice on other financial matters such as tax or retirement planning, our expert financial advice service (in partnership with Endsleigh) provides advice that's easy to understand and tailored specifically to meet foster carers' needs.

We also provide practical advice and guidance on all other fostering issues (see reverse for contact details).

Connections

As a member, you are connected to the UK's fostering community

Online community

Our online community brings members together from across the UK to talk about anything and everything to do with fostering. Log in to share your experiences, find support from other foster carers and take part in 'ask the expert' sessions.

Events

Members can attend our regular events on hot topics in fostering, including our annual conference.



Influence

Get the influence you need on the issues that really matter

Taking your views

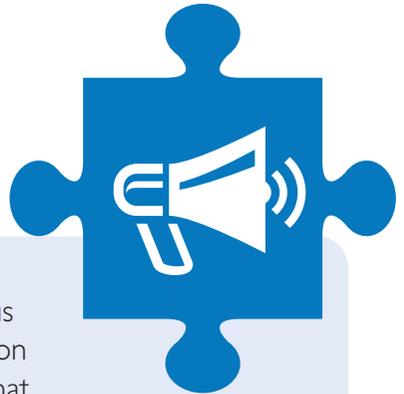
We consult with all our members to help us influence UK governments, get your issues on the agenda and help shape the legislation that affects you – from benefits and pensions, to fair pay and fair allowances.

Raising the profile of foster care

We campaign to raise the profile and status of foster carers with governments and the public through our high profile media work.

Shaping policy

Join our policy consultation group to inform our responses to government consultations.



Discounts

We offer you savings on a range of products and services



40% discount on the fee for a completed mortgage

As well as providing expert financial advice, Endsleigh can also help you find a suitable mortgage for a discounted fee. You also get a free consultation at a convenient time for you.

10% discount on home insurance for foster carers

Members get an exclusive discount on Towergate's comprehensive household insurance for foster carers.

Money off days out for the family

Members and their families can get discounted entry to many Merlin attractions across the UK, including: Alton Towers, Madame Tussauds, Blackpool Tower, Warwick Castle and Sea Life centres.

10% discount on holidays

We've partnered with Hoseasons Lodges & Parks and cottages4you to provide our members with 10% off holidays for your foster family. Choose from a wide range of holidays across the UK and Europe, including: parks and lodges, narrow boats, rural cottages, rustic farmhouses and city break apartments.

Special members' prices

We offer special members-only prices on our publications, training and events.



Contact information

24-hour legal and stress counselling helpline

t 0845 013 5004

For advice and guidance on all other fostering issues contact:

**Member Helpline
(England)**

t 020 7401 9582

Fosterline Wales

t 0800 316 7664

**Advice and Information
(Northern Ireland)**

t 028 9070 5056

Fosterline Scotland

t 0141 204 1400

Accessing your membership discounts and offers

If you have any mortgage or pensions queries contact:

Endsleigh t 0800 028 7261 e tfn@endsleigh.co.uk

For a home insurance quote contact:

Towergate t 0844 892 1556 e fosterhome@towergate.co.uk

To book discounted tickets for your next family day out contact:

Merlin t 0871 222 4001 (quoting *Fostering Network*)

To book a discounted holiday contact:

Hoseasons t 0844 561 8591 (quoting *Foster*)

cottages4you t 0845 268 9549 (quoting *Part 10*)

For more information visit www.fostering.net/member-offers

For help with any membership queries

t 020 7620 6400 e membership@fostering.net

For further information and to join our online community visit:

www.fostering.net

