



**The
Fostering
Network**



Membership of The Fostering Network

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The Fostering Network

- We are the UK's leading fostering charity.
- We work with fostering services and the wider sector to develop and share best practice.
- We are passionate about the difference foster care makes
- We champion fostering and seek to create vital change so that foster care is the very best it can be.

Our vision, mission and values

Our vision: A society where the importance of fostering is understood, recognised and supported

Our mission: To support those who foster, improve opportunities for fostered children and young people, and provide expert guidance to all fostering services

We are trusted; we are together; we are vital.

What we do

We are the largest membership organisation for fostering in the UK:

- 55,000 foster carers and 370 fostering services

We offer a range of benefits to ensure our members are:

- Protected
- Supported
- Connected



We protect

- Market-leading legal protection insurance covering the whole family in the event of an allegation including:
 - Legal helpline
 - Stress counselling service
 - Qualified solicitor
 - Up to £150,000 legal expenses cover



We support

We provide tailored support services to meet the needs of foster carers and fostering services:

- Independent and practice support
- Helplines
- Training
- Publications
- Consultancy

“The helpline gave me detailed information and advice that helped me find a way forward in a difficult situation. I’m impressed with the service, I only wish I had asked for help before.”

We support

- Mortgages
 - The Mortgage Brain
- Home insurance
 - Towergate
- Days out and holidays
 - The Cinema Society
 - Merlin attractions
 - Haven, Hoseasons and Cottages.com

The Mortgage Brain
Your mortgage made simple



We connect

Being a member with us means that you are part of the UK's largest fostering community.

We connect you through:

- Foster Care magazine
- E-newsletters
- Online community
- Regional forums and events



We connect

By listening to and working with our members we create vital change.

- Policies and practice
 - National register
 - The State of the Nation
- National campaigns
 - Staying Put
 - Foster Carer's Charter
- Innovation
 - Mockingbird
 - Foster Carer Retention Project



We connect

Fostering transforms lives. We want everyone to recognise the crucial role it plays in our society.

We raise the profile of fostering through:

- National media
- Foster Care Fortnight™
- Fostering Excellence Awards
- Sons and Daughters Month





Register online

Access all of your membership benefits online

Register at: thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/user/register

“Being a member helps me stay informed about what’s going on in fostering and links me in with other foster carers. Feeling like I’m part of a community is really important.”



Thank you

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