

How does it work?

Markfield understands that every family is different. We aim to tailor our service to the specific needs of each family and to match volunteers with the right skills, interests and experience for the role.



"We have such fun together. She has a good sense of mischief. It's great when she takes control!"

Alexandra, volunteer

**I'm interested!
What's next?**

If you would like to volunteer or are a family in Haringey wanting to know more about the volunteer scheme please talk to any member of the Family Support Team or directly contact Markfield's Volunteer Coordinators.

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Email: volunteer@markfield.org.uk

Visit our website to download a volunteer application form or to find out more about our services for families. Web: www.markfield.org.uk

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Volunteering

Family Befriending



**Find out how
to become
a volunteer!**

**Offering extra support
to disabled people and
their families**

**Could a volunteer
be helpful to
your family?**

Markfield is an inclusive community hub in Haringey where people can play, socialise and get information and support.

What do befrienders offer?

All volunteers commit to:

- Visiting families once a week for two hours
- Volunteering for at least 6 months
- Having a caring and non-judgemental approach towards families
- Respecting family privacy

Volunteers offer support to meet the needs of each family. This could include:

- Playing with disabled children or siblings at home
- Helping families go out in the community
- Spending time with parents
- Supporting a teenager to explore and develop their interests and independence



"I'm really happy with befriending. My child's confidence and speech have improved, I have someone to talk to and I'm more relaxed"

Nicole, parent

What training and support is there for volunteers?

All volunteers:

- Complete an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and provide references
- Receive ongoing support and supervision
- Attend a free training course



"I enjoyed the training all the way through- it was interactive, creative and I gained awareness about people in need and skills for supporting families"

Suzana, volunteer

Volunteering is an opportunity to further develop your skills, offer your experience and support to families and it can also be a great pathway to working with children and families.