

Volunteer Application Form

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Home-Start Calderdale is committed to safe recruitment practice as an important part of safeguarding and protecting children and vulnerable adults

If you have difficulty completing this form, please ask the Home-Start co-ordinator for assistance

Name:		Male/Female
Address including postcode		
How long have you lived at this address?		
Home telephone no:	Mobile telephone no:	
Date of birth:	Email:	
<p>REFERENCES: Please give the name and address of two referees that you have known for a minimum of two years (not a relative) include at least one professional reference, (previous employer wherever possible; alternatively, school, college or other professional such as a religious leader or a volunteer supervisor) who may be contacted by Home-Start.</p> <p>Please ask permission when submitting referees details and confirm full address.</p>		
Referee 1 - Position:	Referee 2 - Position:	
Name:	Name:	
Address including postcode	Address including postcode	
Email:	Email:	
Telephone:	Telephone:	
Preferred Method of Contact	Preferred Method of Contact	

Monitoring Information (Optional)			
White	Asian/Asian British	Black/Black British	Chinese/Other Ethnic
British <input type="checkbox"/>	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese <input type="checkbox"/>
Irish <input type="checkbox"/>	Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/>	African <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
	Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/>		Mixed <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other Specify..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Specify..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Specify..... <input type="checkbox"/>

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How did you hear of Home-Start?

Why would you like to become a Home-Start volunteer?

Please give information about your own parenting experience: e.g. are you a Parent/step-parent/foster carer. Please give ages of children

What did/do you find enjoyable about parenting?

Did you find anything challenging about parenting?

Have you any skills or personal experiences which may be relevant to your work as a volunteer for Home-Start? (e.g. budgeting, cooking, DIY etc)

What do you do in your spare time?

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Is there any other information you would like to add?		
Do you speak any additional Languages? (including sign language)		
What is the maximum time you could offer to Home-start as a volunteer on a regular basis? (suggested 2-3 hours per week)		
What transport would you use?	If car – do you have a current full driving licence?	Yes/No
Have you had any personal contact with Social Services/Social Work Department or NSPCC in connection with children in your care? Have any of your children been subject to a child protection, child in need plan?		Yes/No
Do you consider yourself to have a disability or health condition and if so what adjustments could Home-Start provide to enable you to volunteer? Please provide detail, continue on separate sheet if required.		Yes/No
Have you ever been dismissed from any paid or voluntary work?		Yes/No
Have you ever been convicted or cautioned for any type of criminal offence?		Yes/No
Are there any matters outstanding which may lead to a criminal prosecution?		Yes/No
I know of no reason why I would be unsuitable to be a Home-Start volunteer. I will report any changes in my circumstances which may affect my role e.g. child/ren in care/criminal proceedings brought against me etc		Yes/No
If you answer yes to any question please give details:		
<p><i>If you do not declare existing or spent cautions or convictions you may not be selected. However, if you declare any of the above it may still be possible to become a volunteer</i></p>		

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**Please read before signing*

As a volunteer with Home-Start Calderdale, you are in a privileged position visiting families in their own home and have contact with young children. Home-Start has a responsibility to ensure that no one becomes a volunteer who would mis-use this trust. On commencing the Preparation Course you will complete a form for the Criminal Records Bureau authorizing an enhanced police check for criminal convictions

I give permission for Home-Start to carry out criminal record checks at enhanced level with the appropriate agency.

I understand that my National Insurance number, passport and/or drivers licence may be required for identification purposes.

I understand that Home-Start may hold personal information about me in paper records and on their computer, including sensitive information such as age, race, sex and disabilities that they will use for their monitoring purposes. I agree to them holding this information and understand that it may be shared with Home-Start UK for Quality Assurance purposes.

I understand that I may ask to see my records at any time.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

As you will be completing an Enhanced Disclosure form detail of any criminal convictions or cautions found will be passed onto to Home-Start Calderdale. Therefore it is important that you highlight any issue we need to be aware of on your application form.

If something is highlighted on your disclosure this will be discussed with you in confidence. Following the meeting a decision will be made whether we can proceed with your application.

**If you have any concerns please discuss this further with your co-ordinator.
Telephone 01422 242124**