

MEMBERSHIP

for foster carers



**The
Fostering
Network**

With you every step of the way

At The Fostering Network we're passionate about foster care and the difference it makes to children's lives. We recognise and champion the vital role of foster families, and we're dedicated to giving you the help and support you need to provide the best possible care.



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 every quarter.

Regular e-newsletters

Email updates on what's happening in fostering and The Fostering Network.

Access to our online resources

Exclusive members-only pages on our website, packed full of practical information and helpful guidance on issues such as safer caring, delegated authority, education and permanence.

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.

Practical advice and guidance on all fostering issues

Our member helpline is staffed by advisers who can help you with any issue relating to your work as a foster carer.

Expert legal assistance

Attendance by a qualified and experienced solicitor if you, or any of your household, are required to attend a police interview under caution 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.

Financial advice on tax, national insurance, benefits, mortgages and pensions

New members receive free copies of our *Signposts in Fostering* booklets, providing 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.



Connections

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

Online community

Our online community brings thousands of members together from across the UK to talk about anything and everything to do with fostering, any time of day or night. Log in to share your experiences and find support from other foster carers.

Events

Members can attend our regular events on hot topics in fostering.



Influence

Together with our members, we are a powerful catalyst for change

Taking your views

We consult with all our members to help us influence UK governments. We aim to get the issues that matter to you on the agenda and help shape the legislation that affects you.

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

Be part of our policy consultation group to inform our responses to government consultations.

Discounts

We offer you savings on a range of products and services



40 per cent off 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 per cent discount on home insurance for foster carers

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

Up to 54 per cent off days out for the family

Members and their families can enjoy savings on tickets for a host of attractions across the UK, including Alton Towers, Madame Tussauds and Sea Life centres.

10 per cent off a family holiday

We've partnered with Hoseasons Lodges & Parks and Cottages4you to provide our members with 10 per cent off family 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 rates 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:

England

t 020 7401 9582

Northern Ireland

t 028 9070 5056

Fosterline Wales

t 0800 316 7664

Fosterline Scotland

t 0141 204 1400

For mortgage or pensions queries contact:

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

For a home insurance quote contact:

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 (quote code *The Fostering Network*)

To book your discounted holiday contact:

Hoseasons t 0844 561 8591 (quote our special code *Foster*)

cottages4you t 0845 268 9549 (quote our special code *Part 10*)

For help with any other membership queries

t 020 7620 6400 e membership@fostering.net

The Fostering Network is the UK's leading fostering charity. By working with foster families, and the services that support them, we help everyone who is fostered to achieve the very best they can.

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