



SENDIASS VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you interested in joining us?

Would you like to help parents and young people with SEN and disabilities get the information and advice they need about education, health and social care? Amaze is looking for volunteers to support parents who use our Special Educational Needs Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

We offer volunteers training and ongoing support. Initial training in September in Eastbourne will include key knowledge, active listening, building resilience, safeguarding and confidentiality. It will run during school hours and expenses will be paid.

Quote from Volunteer Kate:

"By volunteering for Amaze I am able to give a little back to this very special charity that has helped us in so many ways over the years since my son was born. It is a privilege to help and empower families to find positive solutions in difficult times."

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What do Sendiass Volunteers do?

Volunteers support parents and carers of children with SEN and disabilities to help them ensure their child gets the provision they need. It is interesting and rewarding work. Volunteers come from all backgrounds, many are parents or have worked in education or health.

The focus is on supporting the parent to work through processes and negotiations that can feel complex or difficult. The aim of good outcomes for the child is essential so it is important they are well included.

How would you do this?

- meeting with parents and listening to their concerns
- explaining parent and child's rights, especially in relation to education
- helping parents understand letters, reports and plans
- helping them put things in writing
- attending meetings alongside parents, making sure they are confident to say what they need to and are clear about what is agreed

Quote from Parent:

"I CANT THANK YOU ENOUGH!!!! I know we put a good case forward but your support and comments definitely helped us nail it. You were the icing on the cake. Thank you so so much xxx"

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