



ROLE TITLE:	Connect Service Volunteer
LOCATION:	Wales
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Children and Young Peoples Service Manager
HOURS OF WORK:	Approximately six to ten hours per month

What you will be doing

As a volunteer with the Connect Service, you will work with the Lead Workers to support delivery of the Children and Young People Service, across South Wales. You will support the Lead Workers to maintain agreed levels of contact with young people and their adoptive family during their registered time with the service and support other Connect activities as agreed with you. During the monthly sessions you will help with general tasks such as room set up, refreshments and general duties involved with group sessions as well as supporting the children and young people to engage in the group activities/workshops.

In between the monthly sessions it will be important to keep up to date with adoptive parenting issues through reading *Adoption Today*, Adoption UK publications and information, and other relevant background material.

As a Volunteer with the Connect Service, you will attend volunteer induction training and ongoing training and development. As well as talking to, or meeting with, relevant Adoption UK staff for the purpose of supervision and review. It will be essential to comply with Adoption UK's health and safety, equal opportunities, child protection and vulnerable adult, data protection, confidentiality and other policies.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

The skills and experience you need:

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to relate to children and young people
- Ability to work as part of a team
- The capacity to understand and to empathise with the issues of concern for adopted children and young people and their parents
- Awareness of, and dedicated to, anti-discriminatory practice and equal opportunities
- Able to demonstrate a commitment to and an understanding of the aims and objectives of Adoption UK.
- Ability to respect and understand the need for confidentiality
- Flexible and adaptable approach to work
- Positive and motivated attitude to work
- Professional approach
- The ability to speak Welsh is desirable and respect for the Welsh language is essential

Benefits of volunteering with Adoption UK

- Meet new people and be part of helping adopted young people to thrive
- Access to the online family members area and the opportunity to attend relevant training and development opportunities
- Use and develop your communication, organisational and people skills
- Receive an induction, relevant training, the support you need to carry out the role and agreed out-of-pocket expenses

Timetable:

This is a rolling vacancy that will remain live, we will contact suitable candidates upon receipt of application.

Queries:

Would you like to know more about the role or application process? Please email Rebecca.Lewis@adoptionuk.org.uk and she will get back to you.

Learn more about volunteering with us:
<https://www.adoptionuk.org/volunteering>

Key Information:

Safeguarding role requirements:

All applicants will be subject to an Enhanced DBS