

Every year, children arrive in the UK alone, seeking safety from conflict and persecution. ○

These young people, mostly boys aged 14-17, need caring individuals who can offer them a stable and supportive environment.

There are two ways that it is possible to offer a home to children seeking asylum:



Foster Carers

Provide a nurturing environment for children under 16.



Supported Lodgings Hosts

Offer a home and guidance for young people aged 16-17.

Brian and Hazel have been foster carers for over 20 years, providing a safe and supportive home for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. Many arrive in the UK alone, with little English and no formal education, often carrying the trauma of their past. Through patience, kindness, and simple acts like cooking familiar meals and finding creative ways to communicate, Brian and Hazel help them build confidence, learn, and thrive.

“If you want to see a child heal in front of your eyes, caring for an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child will give you that experience.”

Why support children seeking asylum?

Benefits of becoming a carer include

- Providing a safe and secure home giving a child the opportunity to heal and thrive.
- Gain new skills and insights into different cultures and experiences.
- Carers receive full training, guidance, and access to a support network.
- Many carers find great personal reward in helping a young person transition into adulthood.

Opening your home to a child seeking asylum can be life-changing for both you and the child. Many of these young people have faced unimaginable hardship, and a stable, caring environment helps them rebuild their lives.

Support Offered

- A training programme tailored to support carers of asylum-seeking children.
- Wider training and support.
- A dedicated carer recruitment co-ordinator to guide you through the process.

Once you express interest, your Local Authority will guide you through the recruitment process and provide ongoing support.



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