

# Edinburgh Council need more foster carers

The latest Council drive to find new recruits to become foster carers has been launched as the number of children in care across Scotland is the highest since 1981.

The City of Edinburgh Council are looking to encourage more people to become carers for children and young people and are aiming to recruit around 30 new carers this year.

There is a shortage of foster carers across Scotland and carers are needed urgently to provide children with safe and caring homes while they are unable to live with their own families. All sorts of people have the skills and qualities to foster. We hope the campaign will encourage them to step up and make a difference.

The aim is to take on new people who can provide a stable environment for young people, helping them take part in activities which support them as well as promoting their confidence and independence. These young people need a nurturing home and the support of adults they can trust.

City Education Leader Councillor Marilyne MacLaren said:

“Fostering is a hugely rewarding and really important job as it benefits some of the most vulnerable children in our society, helping them build a bright and confident future. Edinburgh currently has a shortage of foster carers, and we are looking for carers from all sections of the local community.

“I would urge anyone who is interested to find out more – either by coming to one of our regular drop-in sessions or by calling us direct – and you may be able to help make a real difference to the life of a child in your area.”

Anyone interested in finding out more about fostering can call The City of Edinburgh Council free on 0800 174 833 or visit: [the fostercare website](#)

The Council are holding five drop in events across the city, where people can meet foster carers and social workers for an informal chat about fostering:

- Queensferry library, Friday 16 March 1-4pm
- The City of Edinburgh Council HQ, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street EH8 8BG, Thursday 22 March 5-7pm
- Gilmerton Library, Tuesday 27 March 10-1pm
- Leith Library, Friday 20 April 1-4pm
- Currie library, Thursday 26 April 1-4pm