

# Foster care fortnight

To mark [Foster Care fortnight](#) (14 – 27 May) this year, The City of Edinburgh Council is holding a drop in session for people to find out more about what it takes to foster.

The event will be held at Waverley Court on Thursday 17 May from 17.00 – 19.00 and will give people the opportunity to speak to those who are currently carers and find out about their experiences of the role. In particular, day carers and respite carers will be on hand to talk about how they work to help children stay with their families through their support.

With the number of children in foster care in Scotland at its highest since 1981, Edinburgh needs to recruit around 30 new carers to meet this urgent need. It needs more foster carers for children of all ages from birth to 18.

The drop-in event is just one of many that have been running throughout the year, as part of an ongoing campaign by The City of Edinburgh Council to recruit more carers.

The foster care roadshows in local communities is part of a bid by the Council, to wherever possible, provide local carers for local children. Remaining in their local area can help children to stay at their own school, easing the transition to care and potentially increasing the likelihood of a child being reunited with their family.

Anyone interested in fostering can find out more at the event on Thursday at Waverley Court can contact The City of Edinburgh Council on 0800 174 833 or [visit the website](#).