

# **We need men and women volunteers from all backgrounds to befriend children in care.**

**Training course on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008.**

## **What is an independent Visitor?**

A volunteer who visits, befriends and advises children in care who are looked after by East Sussex County Council and live in foster care or residential homes.

## **Who needs an Independent Visitor?**

Children and young people are usually aged between 10 and 17 who do not have regular contact with a family member. Children of all cultures and backgrounds.

## **What happens on a visit?**

Anything that you both enjoy, from window shopping, fast food to dog- walking bowling or movies

## **You get:**

- A new friend
- New experience
- Immense personal satisfaction
- Initial an on – going training
- Support and back – up
- Reimbursement of agreed expenses

## **You give:**

- A few hours a fortnight, usually at weekends
- A commitment to visit for at least 2 years
- Your energy and time to a young person
- Participation in Independent visitor support groups and training
- Your agreement to an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check, reference and health checks.

If you are interested, want to find out more or get an application pack, please contact Kate Maxted on the details below...

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