



Exciting opportunity for Volunteer Independent Supporters...

We are looking for inspirational individuals who have a few hours to spare and are keen to use their skills and experience to help young people with special educational needs and their families.

What is Independent Support?

Independent Support is a national programme funded by the Department of Education as part of the measures associated with the recent Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Reforms, whereby impartial, independent information, advice and support will be provided to parents/carers and young people going through the new Education, Health & Care (EHC) needs assessment and resulting EHC Plan.

Independent Supporters will work in collaboration with, and complement, pre-existing local services. This includes the local authority SEN arrangements and Parent Partnerships in their key role in providing impartial information, advice and support.

Training:

Full training will be provided, covering the legal requirements, understanding the extent (and limits) of the role of an Independent Supporter and where to go for additional advice and support.

Support & Supervision:

All Adviza volunteers are provided with regular support and supervision, both on a personal level and in a group setting. Also our Independent Supporter Co-ordinator will be available via e-mail, text or phone call for information and support.

Commitment:

We would expect all our volunteer Independent Supporters to be able to commit to a minimum of 4 hours per week. This could be during daytime, early evenings or weekends. Adviza will reimburse all reasonable expenses (travel and telephone).

For further information please contact: the Independent Support Team on 0118 402 7177 or e-mail Independentsupport@adviza.org.uk