

adoptervoice

What is Adopter Voice?

Adopter Voice is a service provided by Adoption UK, the country's largest adopter led community. Established to work with local authorities and regional adoption agencies, we contribute to and influence local change; as well as informing regional and national adoption leadership boards, and the Department for Education on policy improvements. By bringing the experiences of adopters together we can form a stronger alliance that is able to inform decision and policy makers creating a better life for adopted children and their families.



How can you get involved?

There are a number of ways

- **Online** - register for the online forum for your region, just visit www.adoptionuk.org.uk/welcome and you will be able to register to take part in the conversations held online, as well as receive updates on what is going on in the region as a result of Adopter Voice, as well as details of forums and workshops. Keep in touch via social media www.twitter.com/AUKAdopterVoice and www.facebook.com/AdopterVoice
- **Face to face forums/workshops** - attend one of our forums/workshops, you will receive invitations for these through your local agency or via your online registration to Adopter Voice. Attending one workshop does not commit you to having to attend every one. We understand that in addition to being an adoptive parent you will have other commitments!
- **Volunteer** - regardless of how much time you feel you can give to Adopter Voice, we would love to hear from you. We depend on a valued pool of volunteers to be able to deliver our Adopter Voice service in each region. To find out more you can email us directly adopter@adoptionuk.org.uk
- **Get the word out** - we do need your help to be able to reach adoptive families in the region... please pass this flyer out within your own communities, the more voices we can bring together - the more we can achieve for adoptive children and families for the future.

Whilst we hope you that are a member of Adoption UK, membership is not required to be involved with Adopter Voice.

The future

Since inception, Adopter Voice has influenced a number of local changes and, together with the local authorities we have worked with, we continue to influence these changes by working with partners in the regional adoption agencies.

Our national coverage and influence means that Adopter Voice is respected by local, regional and national decision and policy makers. We want to do more, and need your support to make this possible.

For further information

Phone: Adoption UK on 01295752240 or **Email:** adopter@adoptionuk.org.uk

"Being a Volunteer for Adopter Voice has given me the opportunity to feed my own and other adopters' thoughts and experiences into the changes around adoption policy across my local authority. With the current regionalisation of adoption services, it is now an exciting time to make a difference to adoption and help to shape the future, and I feel very much that I have had my voice listened to and actioned upon by the decision makers."

Clare - Adopter Voice Champion

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