

Autumn 2018

## Free foster recruitment advertising



Fostering services throughout England can advertise their recruitment events on our website **free** of

charge. Last year, 18,600 prospective foster carers contacted Fosterline so your advert will reach those who are actively interested in fostering. To advertise your foster carer recruitment events for free, just click

[here.](#)

# Welcome to the Fosterline Lowdown

Fosterline's dedicated newsletter for current & prospective foster carers, plus fostering services

## Fostering at Christmas time

Fostering over the Christmas period can be a time of great joy, but for some, it can be a challenging time knowing how to support their young person.

Do you have a Christmas story or experience that you would like to share and inspire others?

Contact [enquiries@fosterline.info](mailto:enquiries@fosterline.info)

## Care leavers' Christmas dinner

Each year Lemn Sissay MBE supports this special event on Christmas day which brings care leavers aged 18 to 27 together



who otherwise would be alone. To find out more about this amazing project, please click

[here.](#)

## What are foster carers calling Fosterline for?

Advice for kinship carers and those considering Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) are some of the highest number of enquiries Fosterline receives. In November, we will be conducting a survey with kinship carers and special guardians; to participate contact [enquiries@fosterline.info](mailto:enquiries@fosterline.info)

## Selected to speak

Fosterline Manager Steve Stockley will be speaking at the Helplines Partnership Annual Conference held on 14 November in London. Steve is honoured to be asked to talk about Fosterline at this prestigious event. Find out more [here.](#)



## Can Diwali help recruit new foster carers?

Diwali, the 'festival of lights' is an ancient Hindu festival which this year falls on 7<sup>th</sup> November. The five-day festival signifies light, hope and new beginnings as well as the start of the Hindu New Year. The festival's last day celebrates the love and lifelong bond between siblings. It is generally accepted that foster care needs more carers that are able to provide support for siblings and more carers from a greater diversity to promote the heritage of children and young people.

But what is a sibling in today's diverse society, children living together, blood relatives, half siblings, foster siblings? Do you know potential foster carers that could promote the heritage of a child or have the space to accommodate sibling groups? [Read more](#) on celebrating Diwali and pass on the message of care to potential foster carers.



## Fosterline annual report 1 May 2017 - 30 April 2018

We are pleased to announce that users of our service has continued to grow year on year which achieved over **384,700** engagements with current and prospective foster carers. Over the period, there were almost **19,500** interactions by potential new foster carers either via the Fosterline website or through phone calls to the helpline. Fosterline has continued to receive excellent feedback from service users in terms of the advice given and response times, in fact, 79.2% of all calls were answered within one minute! The full report will be released soon on Fosterline's website.