



**Sure STEPs**

**(Support Through Early Parenting scheme)**

Parents Supporting Parents across Tower Hamlets

Parent and Infant Wellbeing Programme

Peer Support Volunteer Application Form

**Toyhouse** invites you to join us in becoming a Peer Support Volunteer within the **Sure STEPs** Programme. Peer Supporter are trained volunteers who are then matched with families to offer informal, friendly support; a listening ear and provide useful information about local services.

Peer Support Volunteers work alongside expectant mothers as well as families with a child up to 2years old

***Print very clearly please!***

**Surname**: ……………………………… **First Name**: ..................................................................................

**Address**: ............................................................................................ **Post Code**: ….................…….........

**Email**: …………………………………………………………………… **Date of birth:** …………..................

**Landline Telephone Number**: ......................................... **Mobile Number:** ……………………….………

**Ethnicity:**  **Language(s) spoken:**

1. How did you hear about **Sure STEPs**?
2. Why do you want to be a **Sure STEPs** Peer Support Volunteer?
3. What do you hope to gain as a trained Peer Support Volunteer?
4. **What skills, knowledge or qualities do you think you would bring as a Peer Support Volunteer?** *Please use this opportunity to tell us about yourself and describe the experiences you have had. Use the last (blank) page of this form if you need to tell us more.*
* *Initial training as a Peer Support Volunteer takes 8 sessions*
* *These will take place on* ***Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30 term time only***
* *The next training course will start* ***Mid to late summer day and date TBC***

***Is the course at a suitable time for you and will you be able to attend all of the sessions?***

Yes No *(please tell us which dates you are not available):*

1. **Do you currently have any other commitments (e.g. work, study, dependent care, volunteering, planned holidays etc.)?**
2. **How much time a week would you be able to commit to supporting local parents as a trained Peer Support Volunteer?**

*We ask for a minimum of 2-3 hours per week with a family, on top of ongoing support & supervision meetings*

1. **We welcome applications from all people, including those living with a disability. Please explain to us how we might be able to support you if you were to become a Peer Support Volunteer?**

All information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and securely stored or held in a database, In line with the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the GDPR 2018

All Peer Support Volunteers will be required to obtain a certificate from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and your supporting organisation will be able to apply for this with you.

This is government run service that checks whether you have a Criminal Record or are on the DBS Barred List. The DBS barred list holds the names of people that the Disclosure and Barring Service have deemed unfit to work or volunteer with children or vulnerable adults.

**Reference**

Please provide us with names and addresses of someone willing to provide a reference for you.

It needs to be someone who has known you for at least 2 years. This person will be contacted.

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| **Referee** |
| **Name**: |
| **FULL Address**: |
| **Postcode:** |
| **Landline Telephone number**:**Mobile number:**  |
| **Email address**: |
| **In what capacity has this person known you?****How many years has this person known you?** |

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| **Use this box to tell us any information you feel will support your application** |
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Name………………………………………………………………………….……………. *(please print)*

Signature…………………………………Date………………………

Please hand in, post or email this application form ***AS SOON AS POSSIBLE*** to:

**TOYHOUSE,**

**THE TOYHOUSE CENTRE, 92, ST PAUL’S WAY, E3.4AL**

**E:** **suresteps@toyhouse.org.uk**

**020.7987.7399**

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