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A campaign is being launched by #teamcambridgeshire to dispel some of the myths about fostering and to encourage more people to come forward.

Fostering is a hugely rewarding role, but there are many myths surrounding the role which can stop people from making an enquiry.

In particular, one myth is that foster carers do not receive any support with their work however all of our foster carers receive a generous allowance as well as 24 hour access to support and training with the an allocated fostering social worker who will be the main point of contact.

The only requirements are that prospective carers are over 21 and have a spare bedroom, but they can be single, married, in a civil partnership, in rented accommodation or retired.

Councillor Simon Bywater, Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee, said: "We know that foster carers come from all walks of life and we want to attract a good mix of people to consider fostering. Foster carers can make a huge difference to the lives of children who are experiencing difficulties and I would encourage anyone thinking of becoming a carer to give it a go- the role is very fulfilling.

"Why not pop along to the information events to find out some about what you need to do to become a foster carer."

Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering service will be holding a series of information events to provide more detail about what people can expect and what they need to do to become a foster carer.

Session will take place on:

Thursday 19 September from 5pm – 7pm at Milton Rd Library, Cambridge (CB4 2BD)

Wednesday 25 September from 5pm – 7pm at March Library on City Rd (PE15 9LT)

Thursday 26 September from 5pm – 7pm at Huntingdon Library on Princes St (PE29 3PA)

For more information, visit <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/fostering-and-adoption/foster-carers-experiences/>

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