

WHY BECOME

A COMMITTEE MEMBER



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Becoming a committee member is a fantastic opportunity to be part of a team that can positively influence children's lives. Committees provide challenge and support to the leadership team of a childcare setting with the ultimate aim of providing quality care and education. Childcare providers are embedded within the fabric of their communities and it is part of the role of being a committee member to ensure the setting is as good as it can be.

TRAINING

There are number of courses you can attend when you start. There is also lots of information available to help understand your role and responsibilities.

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

As well as giving something back to the community, committee members develop a range of both new and existing skills. Committee members can access training which enriches you and your CV. It makes you more marketable as you have skills and experiences that differ from many others. You may want to develop your professional expertise in a specific capacity, for example on a Finance, Personnel or Health and Safety. There are lots of different roles in a committee.

ONGOING SUPPORT

All Suffolk childcare providers have a named Quality and Access Advisor/ Worker linked to the setting. They are able to visit and provide bespoke committee support on a variety of topics.

IMPROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE EDUCATION SECTOR

Whilst experience in education is a valuable attribute for committee members to have, you are not expected to have prior knowledge of the education sector. What is more important to the role is a commitment to the position.

You will gain a fascinating insight into how childcare providers work and you will gain a further appreciation of the work of practitioners as well as the challenges childcare providers face.

IT'S A CHALLENGE

There's no denying that being a committee member is a challenge, but that's a good thing. The role should be a challenge because it's important. This does not necessarily mean the role is time consuming but it will challenge you to think in new ways and work with new people in a different environment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING A CHILDCARE COMMITTEE CONTACT YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER