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Who are we?

At Friendship Works we help find you a friend, someone who will be fun to spend time with and go out with, who will be a good listener, and will be good to have around.

Your friend will be someone older than you but who has similar interests and enjoys chatting about the same things. You will meet up most weekends for two years to do interesting things together around London.

What friends are for

Life can be really hard when there is a lot going on and you don't get any time out.

It's good to have someone around who is sorted out, likes us as we are, listens to us, and doesn't judge. Someone who'll be around when things get on top of you and life gets tough.

With a friend from Friendship Works, you'll get to explore new things and places, go and do things you wouldn't normally get to do. You'll have someone you can relax with, be open with and talk to if you want, or just go out and have some fun with.

The best thing about it is that your friend will be someone you can trust and who won't let you down.

Craig

Craig has been matched with his friend for nine months.

"I get to do more things that I didn't do before, like going to a football match for the first time. We have most fun when playing games like cards and competitive sports because we have fun competing against each other, then relaxing with a hot chocolate afterwards."



How does it work?



To have a friend through Friendship Works, you need to live in Camden or Islington or go to a school in Southwark that we work with. To see who we work with in Southwark, you can look on our website at **www.friendshipworks.org.uk** in the 'Refer' section. You will also need to be 16 or under, and come from a single-parent family.

Tell the person who looks after you, or someone else who knows you well like a teacher, that you would like a friendship. They will need to go to our website and fill in the form on our 'Refer' section to let us know.

One of our caseworkers will come to your home to talk to you and the person who looks after you. They will ask you what you like doing, what new things you would like to try, and what sort of person you'd like as a friend. Then we'll start looking for the right person.

Once we find someone we think you will like, we'll see what you think, and if you're interested, we'll arrange for you to meet them.

You'll chat about what you like, plan some outings and get to know each other. After that you will meet your friend most weekends to hang out and have fun.

Your caseworker from Friendship Works will keep in touch to find out how you're getting on and to check you are enjoying yourself. If you're worried about anything, you can talk to them whenever you want. Your caseworker will be there to help you work it out.

Most of our friends get on really well and carry on being friends much longer than two years. It's good to have someone in your life that you can trust, know you can count on, and have fun with.

The best bit

Friendship Works gives you and your friend some money each week to go and enjoy yourselves. Sometimes you'll do something simple like go for a walk, play football and have a hot chocolate. Or you might explore new things like ice-skating and go to see a band that you like.

There are also events that we hold throughout the year for you to meet everyone at Friendship Works. We go bowling, have a summer fair and a Christmas party for everyone to come along, get involved and have a good time.



Get in touch

You can find more information and answers to common questions on our website at **www.friendshipworks.org.uk** or you can call us on **020 7485 0900** to talk to one of our caseworkers.

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