Fostering a child – the best job in the world

Have you ever thought about fostering a young person?

Lucy and Joe are from Devon and have a foster family of three, a 14 year old girl, and boy and girl siblings aged nine and ten. They decided to foster after their own children had left home. There have been challenges along the way, but says Lucy ‘it is just wonderful’.

‘My birth children had grown up and moved away, and I just felt that there was more of myself to give, in a clichéd way, I wanted to change the world, and I didn’t feel I was. Now, though, I am changing the world, for three children. It is hard, it is challenging, but it is very rewarding.’ Lucy would recommend her job to anyone.

Foster carers are given training and all the support they need from a dedicated supervising social worker. They also receive an allowance of up to £450 per child per week, enabling one of the foster couple, or a single carer, to be at home with the child.

Dina and Carol, says ‘It is definitely more work than having your own children but for me it is the best job in the world.’ The Fostering Foundation offers support to all of its carers at any time, ‘If you have got a crisis they have got a 24/7 on call service, they can help you manage things.’

High levels of requests are received daily to place children in safe and loving foster care but sadly we are unable to meet the demand.

Don’t be put off by assessment requirements, and expectations – just pick up the phone to speak to one of our friendly team for an informal chat.

Interested? Contact us or join us for coffee and a cake at our office near Tiverton – Suite 2, Swallow Court, Devonshire Gate, Tiverton, EX16 7EJ on 13th December between 11am and 2pm.

You can also visit www.fosteringfoundation.co.uk or call 01884 211 816 to find out more.