
Steering Group Representative (Voluntary Role)

Help shape better SEND services across Merton

**Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person (aged 0–25)
with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)?**

**Would you like to use your lived experience
to make a positive difference for local families?**

Merton Parent Carer Forum (MPCF) is the recognised, independent Parent Carer Forum for Merton. We work with education, health, social care and voluntary sector partners to ensure parent carers help shape local SEND services through participation and co-production.

We're looking for enthusiastic parent carers to join our welcoming Steering Group.

About the Role

As a Steering Group Representative, you'll work with other parent carers to provide the Forum's strategic leadership, represent the views of local families and help influence improvements to SEND services.

No previous governance or volunteering experience is needed. We'll provide training, mentoring and ongoing support. Your lived experience, commitment and willingness to work collaboratively are what matter most.

We're Looking For People Who:

- Are a parent or carer of a child or young person (0–25) with SEND.
- Want to make a positive difference for families.
- Can work collaboratively and respect different perspectives.
- Share our values of inclusion, respect and co-production.
- Can contribute around 4–8 hours a month.

What You'll Gain

- The opportunity to influence local SEND services.
- Leadership, governance and partnership-working experience.
- Training, mentoring and ongoing support.
- New skills, confidence and connections with other parent carers.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

We welcome applications from parent carers of all backgrounds, identities and lived experiences and are committed to building a Steering Group that reflects the diversity of Merton's families. We will make reasonable adjustments to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to participate.

Interested?

If you're passionate about improving SEND services but aren't sure whether this role is right for you, we'd be delighted to have an informal chat.

For more information or to request the full Role Description and Person Specification, please contact:

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Together, we can help ensure every child and young person with SEND has the opportunity to thrive.