

**Volunteers** are the crucial to the success of the Hampton Trust. They use their skills to the advantage of the families, children and young people they are supporting, encouraging them to complete agreed goals, address the issues they face and access activities and parenting courses. A volunteers' greatest reward is to see the life of the family, child or young person they are working with transformed and despair replaced by hope, ambition and trust.

The Hampton Trust recognises the value of the volunteers involved in the work and strives to support them in every way possible through supervision and on going training. Our Youth and Parenting programmes have gained recognition from various statutory agencies and schools for good practice and life changing achievements. The success of these programmes is due to the commitment and dedication of our volunteers. There is a growing recognition by the government of the value of good parenting and one to one support to families, children and young people and the potential for this kind of early intervention to help prevent family breakdown, social isolation and potential entry into the criminal justice system.

These are just some of the comments made by volunteers....

*"It's very satisfying"*

*"It's great to see the changes in the young person"*

*"It takes time to build trust with the young person, but once this is in place then issues can be dealt with easier"*

*"I know that I am making a difference"*

These are a few comments made by young people who have been supported by volunteers....

*"I'm glad I've got someone to talk too now"*

*"I don't want it to end"*

*"Can we keep in touch?"*

*"I've got my head straight now"*

**All potential volunteers who apply to the Trust are interviewed and assessed throughout the accredited NOCN (National Open College Network) training programme and are subject to an Enhanced CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check.**

**Volunteers make a difference, change lives and raise hope and ambition for the most vulnerable.**

# Testimonials

*Dear Hampton Trust,*

*I would like to thank you all for the help you showed my son R. It was hard to begin with as R was not interested in going to the Hampton Trust as he was not good at mixing with other young people. Then you introduced him to his mentor who found that R was interested in the Police force, with help from the mentor R has changed his life around. He is doing so much better now, he is far more confident and able to move on in life. With your help he has been able to gain a GCSE grade B in wider key skills, which I never thought he would get as he does not attend high school. The Hampton Trust has done a lot for R helping him to reach his goals, he has now made plans to join the Police force when he is old enough. All this would not be possible if it wasn't for the help from the Hampton Trust, so thank you so much for changing our lives for the better.*

Letter from a grateful parent of a 15 year old boy.

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*To everyone at the Hampton Trust,*

*I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for helping me change my life around. I feel like a better person and it is all down to you guys! Anyone else who gets referred to you will be lucky to have such a supportive bunch of mentors to help them get to where they want to be, like you have done for me. Thank you.*

Letter from a 17year old girl.