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Foster Carers Still Wanted—Know anyone who would make great foster carers??

Well everyone, we are still in the recruiting campaign and trying our dandiest to recruit new foster carers to join our wonderful family.

We ask if any of you have any friends or family members who you know would make excellent foster carers, then by all means please get them to call us. We are looking for carers who can take any child or young person, has the time and energy and love to help a child, and has no limitations. By this we mean will take any child we pass their way regardless of age, gender, religion, and who is capable of dealing with some challenging behaviour once and a while.

If you know of anyone who you think can fit this criteria, please get them to call us

and complete the initial interest with us. If they pass the initial interest, home visit and all statutory checks, and end up being approved with Rainbow, AND once these new carers have received their first placement, you will receive a whopping £300 for all your hard work of referring them to us.

So don't be shy and send them our way. £300 is a lot of money and just think of all the nice stuff you can get or part of that bill you wish you can pay off. And the more people you refer, and they are approved with a placement, the more money you can make. Its that simple.

Special points of interest:

- MARCH and APRIL 2010 TRAINING DATES
- PANEL UPDATE
- ST PATRICK/ MOTHER'S DAY OUTINGS
- CHANGES TO PARKING AT RAINBOW

Changes happening at Rainbow—check it out!

Lets all welcome Ms. Pratibha Mistry who has just joined Rainbow on 22.02.10. She will be working here as a Duty/Recruitment Officer and will be helping out in both departments.

Also lets give a big congratulations to Vina Dhaliwal who has now moved up the chain of command of hierarchy and is now employed as the Duty/Recruitment Manager. As you know her previous role was Duty Officer and she worked closely with Duty, but now she will be liaising her time managing both departments.

COME SEE 1001 INVENTIONS AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

From January 21st 2010 to April 25th 2010, a special exhibit will be taking place at the Science Museum called 1001 Inventions' focusing on the forgotten stories and inventions of the Muslim world

This exhibit will feature numerous electronic interactive, a reproduction of a 9th century flying device and a five-metre high replica of the "Elephant Clock". The exhibition features more than sixty exhibits and a large screen displaying a mini-movie starring Oscar-winning actor Ben Kingsley as Al-Jazari, inventor of the fabled Elephant Clock. This exhibit is free for all to attend, but please be aware, that this exhibit will be closed to the public from 25th February to March 12, 2010 inclusive

Schedule of Events

- *2nd March: East London Support Group (Mycenae House) from 6:30pm to 8pm*
- *9th March: North Harrow training, titled 'Drugs and Alcohol' from 10am to 1:30pm*
- *10th March: North Harrow Support Group from 6:30pm to 8pm*
- *11th March: North Harrow Support Group from 10am to 11:30am*
- *12th March: East London training, titled 'Looking after Minors and Refugees' from 10am to 1:30pm*
- *16th March: North Harrow training, titled 'Implementing the Legislation: CA Act, Five Outcomes and Every Child Matters' from 10am to 1:30pm*
- *23rd March: North Harrow training, titled 'Fostering Babies and their Mothers' from 10am to 1:30pm*
- *30th March: Luton training, titled 'Reflective Practice' from 10am to 1:30pm*
- *31st March: North Harrow training, titled 'Reflective Practice' from 10am to 1:30pm*

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February 2010 Panel Update

Our February Panel was just carried out on the 8th February 2010 and it was very busy one indeed. We would like to congratulate the following people for all their hard work at either being re approved another year with us or having their category of approval agreed too. Please give a warm applause to Brenda, Nayar and Javed, Coral, Abida and Fazal, Vera, Chantelle, Jon and Louise. Congratulations to you all!

We now have a MATHS teacher for Saturday School!

Starting the 5th June 2010, Mr. David Carbott will be offering his expertise in the subject of Math's for our Saturday school. He will be joining Mr. Suhkvinder Chana, who is already tutoring our foster children in the subject of English.

APRIL 2010

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Schedule of Events for April

- 6th April: North Harrow training, titled 'Child Development: 0—5 years' from 10am to 1:30pm
- 9th April: North Harrow training, titled 'Child Development: The Middle Years' from 10am to 1:30pm
- 12th April: Panel
- 13th April: North Harrow training, titled 'Child Development: The Adolescent Years' from 10am to 1:30pm
- 13th April: East London Support Group (Hopkins Room) from 6:30 to 8pm
- 14th April: Rainbow Fostering Support Group from 6:30 to 8pm
- 15th April: Rainbow Fostering Support Group from 10 to 11:30am
- 22nd April: North Harrow training, titled 'Managing Challenging Behaviour' from 6 to 9m
- 28th April: East London training, titled 'Record Keeping and Writing' from 10am to 1:30pm

If any of these training dates for the months of March and April tickle your fancy, please contact us via email or phone and sign up. We ask you to remember that we need to have at least 10 people signed on to courses 7 days prior to the course commencing in the North Harrow area or we will have to cancel the course due to lack of participants. So to stop this from occurring, please sign up to the courses. For those of you who have already signed up to your 5, THANK YOU VERY MUCH for the time and effort you have put in to inform me of your choices :)

Changes to Parking—Please Read for further information

With immediate effect, we are sorry to say that foster carers are no longer allowed to park in the parking lot at Churchill Court during the weekdays due to taking up spaces belonging to the social workers or parking in undesignated spaces for other companies

We now kindly ask if you can please park on the adjoining streets where the parking is free, or if you can please park in the pay and display parking lot that is just located around the corner. If by chance that a visitors parking space is available when you arrive for training in the lot, you must get authorization from Earl the parking attendant, to park there, BUT please be aware that you can only park there for a maximum of 2 hours so other visitors can use the space as well.

We ask for your full cooperation on this matter

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MARCH 2010 ACTIVITIES AROUND LONDON

Sunday, March 14th 2010 is a very busy day this year. Not only is it Mothers Day, but it is also the St. Patrick's Day Parade as well. Here is a list of some of the activities taking place around London regarding both festivities to make this day a very special one.

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival will be proceeding through Central London, starting from Green Park and will end at Trafalgar Square by mid day. Once you get to the Square, there will be a festival of live Irish music, dance, food another activities sure to keep the children happy

On the 17th March, (actual St. Patrick's Day) there will be some festivities at Spitfiled Market in East London. They will celebrate the day with

Irish food, dance, music, as well as snake charmers and stilt walkers.

For those mom's out there that you would like to say thank you to, treat your mother to activities in London to let her know you love her.

The Vitality Show in Earls Court (18th to 21st March 2010). This show promises a fun filled day for mothers and daughters where you can relax and pick up a bunch of health and beauty tips. There will be exhibits of new health/beauty products as well as information on spas, massages and so forth. Tickets are £14.50 for adults and £7.00 for children.

Of course there are other

ways to say I love you to your mother, you can take her out for a meal, spa retreats, wine tasting or a jazz cruise down the Thames, buy her flowers, jewelry or get creative and make her a present. There are lots of activities and discounts to allow you to spoil your mom in style!



A Recipe for a Very Dear Mother

*"Take a cup of thoughtfulness
And add a lot of love
Blend with smiles as warming
As the Sunshine from above,
Add a cheerful spirit
And, of course, a bear that sings
And also the ability
To laugh at little things,
Stir in lost of tenderness
And understanding, too
And there you have the recipe
For mothers dear as you"
~Unknown Author*