

Reading Friends









Would you like to train to become a Reading Friends volunteer at a local school?

What is Reading Friends?

Reading Friends is a paired reading project which involves adult volunteers giving up an hour of their time per week to read with pupils in Kirklees schools.

The Reading Friends training, provided by Kirklees Success Centre, will enable you to develop new knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Early stages of reading development
- Expectations of a volunteer in school, including Safeguarding
 - Strategies to help children with phonics and difficult words
 - Ways to support comprehension
 - Different levels of support
 - Effective feedback

Our training is fun and informal, allowing you to share your own experiences and help each other.

On average, children improve in their reading age by up to 9 months after a 10 week programme and become more confident and enjoy reading.

What are the benefits?

Reading Friends is a great opportunity for you to:

- Develop new knowledge and skills to provide effective reading support in schools and at home with your own children.
- Support your local community.
- Gain experience as a starting point to exploring a career in schools.
- Gain new skills and work experience to build up your CV and support your job applications.
- Increase self-confidence and motivation.
- Meet new people with similar interests.

Training is taking place over 4 weeks at:

- Community Room at Netherhall Learning Campus, HD5 9PG
- Wednesday 19th April 9.30-12.30pm Wednesday 26th April 9.30-12.30pm Wednesday 3rd May 9.30 – 12.30pm Wednesday 10th May 9.30 – 12.30pm

Please enrol by scanning the QR code or email <u>success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk</u> or call 01484 234153 for more information.





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