



# Are you a kinship carer in England and Wales?

## We can offer you free support and advice

A **kinship carer** is someone who is raising a relative or friend's child.

**Kinship** is the leading national kinship care charity. We want kinship carers and the children they are raising to be **recognised, valued** and **supported**.

### What you can access:

Our **FREE Advice Service** is available from **Mon - Friday 9.30am - 2pm**. Contact us to arrange a call with one of our expert staff.

You can talk to us about:

- **Your legal options**
- **Benefits**
- **Employment**
- **Housing**
- **Education and much more**



We can also signpost you to other **helpful organisations** in your local area.

Visit:

[www.compass.kinship.org.uk/advice](http://www.compass.kinship.org.uk/advice)



**Phone - free**

0300 123 7015



**Fill in a form online**

Once you've filled in the form our adviser will contact you



**Book a 1:1 appointment**

Book an appointment at a time which works for you



**Online Advice Finder**

Personalised information for you



# Our other services for kinship carers

We're here, whenever you need support. You can access lots of information, advice or meet other kinship carers through:



**Our Kinship Community** – includes regular emails to keep you up to date with what is happening in the world of kinship care, including local events, celebration days, local workshops and much more. [www.kinship.org.uk/community](http://www.kinship.org.uk/community) to sign up



We provide **12 short, free workshops** for any kinship carer on topics related to kinship care and your caring role.

**Book a free workshop:** [compass.kinship.org.uk/workshops](http://compass.kinship.org.uk/workshops)



**Kinship Compass** – [www.compass.kinship.org.uk](http://www.compass.kinship.org.uk) - The independent online information, advice and support hub just for kinship carers.



**Our support groups** - networks of friendly local support groups for kinship carers across England and Wales.

[www.compass.kinship.org.uk/groups](http://www.compass.kinship.org.uk/groups)



**Someone Like Me** – our peer telephone support service. Trained kinship carer volunteers will offer you a listening ear, providing you with emotional support from people who understand. **Get**

**matched with a volunteer:** [www.compass.kinship.org.uk/SLM](http://www.compass.kinship.org.uk/SLM)



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