

Why our panel members applied to be involved



Sacha (Panel chair)

It's a pleasure to be a part of the Camden Shared Lives Independent Approval Panel. I have worked in the Health and Social Care sector for over 20 years, during my time I have been involved in a range of different departments and services, developed to support different people in different ways. The more I learned about Shared Lives the more interested I was in becoming involved. Shared Lives supports people to live their lives flexibly and the way they want to. A mutual match and good relationships are a key factor of the shared lives model. Its great to be part of the approval panel that ensures great outcomes for people.



Catherine (Vice Chair)

“I have been a Registered Manager for a Shared Lives Scheme for many years in a neighbouring borough. I was very keen to be a panel member for Camden as I felt it was an opportunity to support this new scheme. I am a firm believer that cross borough working increases good working practices across all our schemes and services.”



Kerry

I initially saw the advert on Twitter recruiting Panel Member for Camden Shared Lives and was immediately excited by the opportunity to be involved in a newly developed Shared Lives scheme. I have worked in Shared Lives Hertfordshire for 5 years as a Shared Lives Worker and part of my role is to present potential new Shared Lives Carers to our Independent Panel, therefore I knew what a valuable role they play. I was delighted when my application was accepted and couldn't wait to be part of another scheme, which I knew was going to offer home, family and community life for Camden residents.

The panel process is very important in Shared Lives to ensure all of the relevant checks and processes are completed to a high standard and that the scheme has supported the new Carers through the process effectively to equip them to be able to provide the highest standard of care and support to the people they are matched with.

The Camden Shared Lives Team have been extremely innovative and inclusive, and they have a clear understanding of the Shared Lives vision and concept. They provided in depth training to all panel members to ensure that we were suitably equipped to complete the role of approving new Carers .

There have been a number of successful matches made already and I am looking forward to watching the scheme grow and flourish in the future, as there is such a great need for inclusive communities and connected societies.



Diane

A parent/carer for my son who has learning difficulties and autism I wanted to be able to share experience I have gained over the last 30 years as a member of the Shared Lives panel. Giving, I hope, a practical and lived experience adds to the professional experience of the other panel member



Annette

Becoming a Shared Lives Panel member has been an honour. Knowing how to be both Human and Humane remains at the heart of our community and I am keen to use the insights I have gathered through my own experience of the care system and living with different foster carers, help us as a local authority to ensure that the carers approved can support our young people to discover and fulfil their full potential.



Kate

I am a social worker within the adults social care team in Camden and was interested in supporting the shared lives initiative. I had heard and read about it in other boroughs and was excited to see it rolled out and to see its full potential reached within Camden. I love finding out about the diverse range of people willing to open up their homes and hearts and provide support to others.



Sarah

“I wanted to be involved in Camden’s Shared Lives scheme because I’d heard about similar schemes run elsewhere and the impact they have had, through connecting people in a community and showing care and kindness to each other. What I love most about being part of Shared Lives in Camden is being inspired by the wonderful people who are Shared Lives carers, and hearing about the powerful connection they build with the people that live with them”.