



**The paper for parents and carers of children with disabilities and special needs in Southwark
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Volunteering to support children with special needs...

SPRINGBOARD FOR CHILDREN is a charitable educational trust working to provide literacy support for over 130 children with special needs through six primary schools in Southwark.

There are 10,000 children with special needs in Southwark and Springboard is looking to expand its service to reach more children in a wider spread of schools. For this we need to recruit more staff - both paid qualified staff, with special needs teaching experience, and a wide range of volunteers with a commitment to work with children.

We use an innovative and very easy-to-use multi-sensory teaching programme to support each child. Each child attends two 40 minute sessions a week. The children grow in confidence and self esteem and some children make as much as two year's progress in one year of teaching. Springboard provides each volunteer with a personalised training package to help them to do their jobs to the very best of their ability.

If becoming a volunteer literacy teacher for children appeals to you; or if you are a Special Needs Co-ordinator in a primary school and would like to hear more about the service that we provide for children through school; then please contact Janet Bristow or Anna Guyer.

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