

If at any time anyone is not happy, or is concerned about how the relationship is working, our coordinator is available at short notice to listen and to take any action needed.

There is no set time period for an intandem mentoring relationship. Young people can have a mentoring service for as long as they need it.

The intention is always for a long-term mentoring relationship, however endings are discussed and planned for to ensure a smooth progression.



Is it confidential?

Any information remains confidential within intandem except where the welfare and safety of the young person is in question. All our volunteers and staff have clear training, support and guidance on our policies.

intandem charities are committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people. We recognise our responsibility to take all reasonable steps to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, risk of harm, abuse and exploitation.

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What we offer - intandem mentoring

intandem is a voluntary programme which supports young people aged 8-14 years who are looked after at home.

intandem is designed to offer young people opportunities to have fun, learn new skills and access their local communities within a safe environment.

The programme is funded by Scottish Government and is delivered in 20 local authorities by 13 charities.

How does it work?

Adult volunteers, from all backgrounds and experiences, are recruited, trained and overseen by our charity.

Our volunteer mentors are chosen for their qualities of commitment, reliability and stability. The mentor and the young person will spend 1-2 hours a week engaging in various fun activities.

The arrangements are flexible and the pair will usually choose activities together.

How much does it cost?

There is no cost to parents or young people. All reasonable expenses are covered by intandem and we encourage young people not to bring money along to outings.

How does a young person get a mentor?

Young people referred to intandem will be visited at home by our coordinator to share more information.

We will also check that both young people and their families are happy about having a mentor as intandem is completely voluntary. To help identify the most suitable mentor, our coordinator will also try to get a picture of any interests, likes and dislikes and any wishes or needs.



Finding the right mentor can take a while, but once identified our coordinator will introduce the volunteer to the young person and their family. If everyone is happy to go ahead with the match, the mentoring will begin.

What happens during the match?

The mentor will pick up and drop off the young person at their home address and there should be a responsible adult present at both times. If the young person cannot make an outing, please contact our coordinator to let them know. If a mentor cannot keep an agreed outing, they should always let the family know.

Our coordinator will meet with the mentor monthly to check how things are going and offer any additional support.

Our coordinator will also meet with to the young person at least four times a year to get their views on how things are going.