

MEN WANTED

– could you make a difference?

Lads Need Dads is recruiting male volunteers for programmes starting January 2027 in Tendring and Basildon.

We're looking for men aged 21+ from all walks of life to give a few hours of their time each week to support boys growing up without a consistent father figure.

You don't need to be a teacher or an experienced mentor. We're looking for men who are reliable, relatable, good listeners and genuinely want to make a difference in a boy's life.

We're particularly keen to hear from men who are studying, training or working in



youth work, criminology, social work, social care, education, policing, sport or community work – although men from all professional and life backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

WHY MEN MATTER

Positive male role models can make a lasting difference in a boy's life. Consistent, trusted relationships give boys someone who will show up, listen, encourage and believe in them.

Early support matters. We want boys to have positive men around them before problems arise, not only when they are struggling.

You're not there to replace a father. You're there to show up, listen, encourage and be a consistent presence in a boy's life.



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Two ways to get involved

Reading Mentor – Year 6

Spend positive one-to-one time with boys through reading, conversation, games and activities, helping to build confidence, engagement and a positive relationship with a male role model.

Commitment:

Approximately 2 hours a week for 12 weeks.

Location:

Tendring & Basildon

Starting: January 2027

Becoming – Year 8

Join our team supporting boys through our new 12-week group programme exploring identity, emotions, relationships, masculinity, digital influences, purpose and the men they want to become.

Commitment:

Approximately 2½ hours a week for 12 weeks.

Location:

Tendring

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Working full-time? Don't rule yourself out.

Could your employer release you for a couple of hours each week?

Many employers support staff to volunteer in their communities through employee volunteering, social value or paid volunteering time. Our programmes run for just 12 weeks – it's worth asking.

Whether you're working, self-employed, studying, semi-retired or retired, we'd love to hear from you.

Colchester opportunities may also become available subject to funding.

Be there. Listen. Encourage. Make a difference.



Interested? Get in touch:

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or call: **07834 402017**

All volunteers are subject to Lads Need Dads' safer recruitment and safeguarding procedures.



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