

We are delighted to announce the launch of our online Adopter Voice forum.

### ***What is Adopter Voice?***

Adopter Voice is a project funded initiative by the Department for Education, being delivered by Adoption UK. It has been designed to enable an improved adoption system directly influenced and continuously developed by adoptive families.

### ***How will it work?***

There will be two themes to the project.

- 1) Online – Online forums are now live for all 152 Local Authorities across England. Registered users will be able to contribute to these forums from their own experiences. The information received will be collated by the Adopter Champion for Coram Cambridgeshire who will feed this back to Adoption UK so that it will feed in Locally, Regionally and nationally to the Adoption Leadership Board (ALB).
- 2) Face to Face – Face to Face forums are currently being set up in 10 pilot Local Authorities around England. The Adopter Champion for these pilots will run and facilitate face to face forums with other adoptive parents from that Local Authority. The Local Authority will send representatives to these meetings so that they too can listen to the feedback from their adoptive parents. Again, the information received will be collated by the Adopter Champion who will feed this back to Adoption UK so that it will feed in Locally, Regionally and nationally to the Adoption Leadership Board (ALB).

Currently Coram Cambridgeshire is taking part in both of the above forums.

### ***Who is the Adopter Champion?***

The Adopter Champion for Coram Cambridgeshire is Michael Denmead. Michael is an experienced adopter who has been appointed based on his experience during his adoption journey and his professional capacity. He was appointed after interview by Adoption UK. Michael's line manager for this project is Scott Casson-Rennie, Senior Regional Manager at Adoption UK.

### ***How can I take part?***

Taking part is simple. You can choose to register (if you haven't already) on the Adopter Voice section on Adoption UK's website: [www.adoptionuk.org.uk/welcome](http://www.adoptionuk.org.uk/welcome)

If you already have a registered account for taking part in Adoption UK forums and would prefer not to use the same username/account, you are welcome to register a new account with a different email address if you have one OR you can contact our online team who can help you further: [onlineteam@adoptionuk.org.uk](mailto:onlineteam@adoptionuk.org.uk)

If you would like to take part in the face to face forums, please email [scott@adoptionuk.org.uk](mailto:scott@adoptionuk.org.uk) to register your interest.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs): <http://goo.gl/fwDMd9>

How can you get involved: <http://goo.gl/kuSNcq>

More on Adopter Champions: <http://goo.gl/Ppo2gb>

Hear from the team at Adoption UK about what Adopter Voice will mean:

Hugh Thornbery - CEO:

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Any other questions? Email Scott: [scott@adoptionuk.org.uk](mailto:scott@adoptionuk.org.uk)

Get involved and help shape the future of Adoption for all Adoptive families.