

Tusla National Fostering Week

October 14th - 20th 2019

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Perfect Foster Carer.

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Tusla National Fostering Week – Briefing Note

- Tusla National Fostering Week takes place from October 14th to October 20th 2019.
- Somewhere in Ireland today, there's a child in need of a foster placement.
- Tusla has an ongoing need for foster carers, especially in the greater Dublin area and in other large urban centres around Ireland.
- Tusla is the only organisation that provides a statutory fostering service to the public, and we now need carers for short-term, long term, emergency placements, or respite fostering.
- Tusla National Fostering Week will be launched tomorrow, October 11th, at an event in the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Paul McAuliffe and by the Chief Executive of Tusla, Bernard Gloster.
- Adverts to support Tusla National Fostering Week will appear in print, on radio, and on social media to encourage more people to consider fostering.
- Tusla foster carers also share their stories on their experiences about Tusla fostering services in a number of new videos commissioned for the campaign. These can be seen on fostering.ie
- There are many misconceptions around who is, or isn't, eligible to foster.
 - Tusla currently work with foster carers who are in a same-sex relationship, are Travellers, are of African or Eastern European origin, are Muslim, have a disability, who don't have a job currently, who rent, who are single, who are over 45, and with parents who both work.
 - We would like more relatives of children in need of a home, to consider fostering as an option.
- Members of the public can contact Tusla through fostering.ie, by contacting freephone 1800 226 771 or by emailing tusla.fostering@tusla.ie