

YOU'RE NOT HOME ALONE

ISSUE 11

Dear colleague,

Welcome to the eleventh edition of our newsletter, You're Not Home Alone. As we enter the Autumnal season and the uncertainty of continued local lock downs we wanted to provide useful information for you and your family, so you know we are here for you. Please do continue to send any pictures of any activities from our newsletter that your children have enjoyed doing – we've loved seeing so many. Just contact marketing@fostertalk.org or call **0121 758 5013**.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PASS THIS ON TO YOUR COLLEAGUES AND TO OTHER FOSTER CARERS.

UPSKILLING: FREE COLLEGE COURSES FOR ALL ADULTS

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced a £2.5 billion scheme guaranteeing retraining to anyone without A-Levels or equivalent qualifications with free college courses! From April 2021, adults without an A-Level or equivalent qualification will be offered a free, fully-funded college course - providing them with skills valued by employers, and the opportunity to study at a time and location that suits them. A list of available courses will be available from next month.



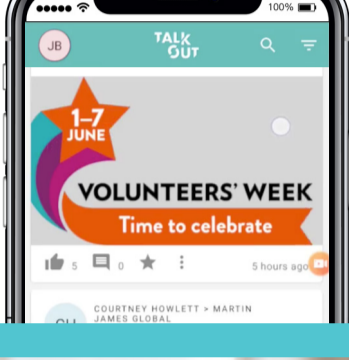
TALKOUT BRINGING YOU TOGETHER

With local and national restrictions changing rapidly, we wanted to provide a safe and secure environment to bring carers together, to share experiences and support during uncertain times.

That's why we launched Talk Out! Your free app that gives you access to daily news updates, local carer chat, competitions, stories, discounts, FosterTalk resources and much more.

So look out for your app registration email and join your TalkOut community today!

If you haven't yet received your email or need to re-access your app activation link simply contact us at talkoutapp@fostertalk.org



FOSTERTALK VIRTUAL TRAINING

Our online, virtual training courses have been getting lots of positive feedback on their success. We have lots to offer including training on Staying Put, Life Story Work, Allegations, Education and Sexual Exploitation. Take a [look here](#) and contact us for further information.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Attention all dinosaur and fossil lovers! Lyme Regis Fossil Festival will be bringing you all the best bits of their festival to you in the comfort of your own home on Saturday 24th October 2020! Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the 2020 Lyme Regis Fossil Festival has sadly been postponed until further notice.

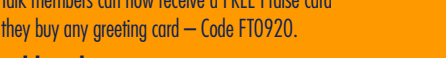
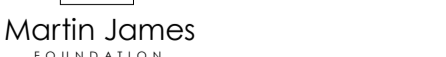
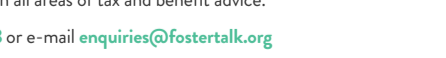
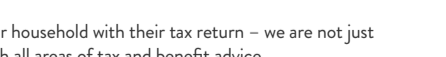
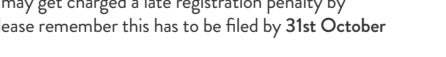
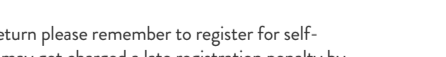
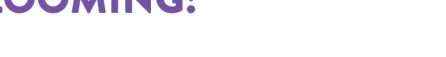
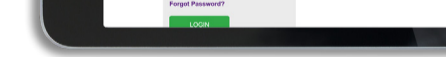
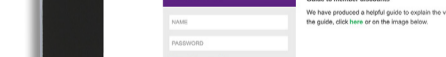
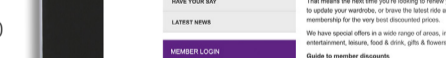
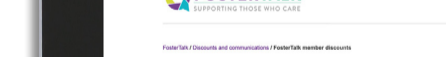
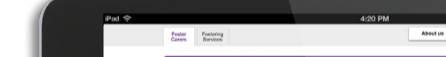
But in its place they will be launching a "virtual" fossil festival with videos and live talks from all over their partners and exhibitors for you to stream in the comfort of your own home! [Click here](#) for more.



ARTS & CRAFTS



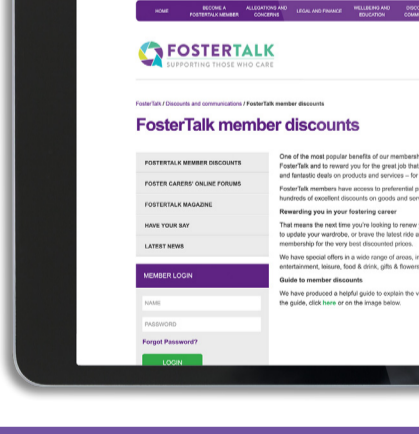
SPAGHETTI PAINTBRUSHES process art from the kitchen



MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

As a FosterTalk member you have access to hundreds of discounts on family days out, electrical equipment and lots more. We currently have a great discounts with Sainsbury's (5% off every shop with an e-Gift card), Tesco (4% off every shop), the Co-Op (6% cash back) and over 9% cash back offer with deliveroo!

For further information log into your [membership area](#) where you'll find lots of discounts on shopping, breaks away and many more.



BEAR AND THE CUCKOO - FOSTER FAMILY CELEBRATION CARDS & MORE

We've joined up with Bear and the Cuckoo to offer you a discount on foster family celebration cards. Created by foster carers, **Bear and the Cuckoo** was set up to fill a gap in the market as celebration cards were very limited for foster families! They believe that children being looked after should have a louder voice and be PROUD to be fostered and give them a choice to express their feelings in cards, for celebrations and happy times. Take a look here at the vast array of cards available and you will receive a FREE praise card with any celebration card purchased – simply use discount code FT0920 at checkout.



DON'T FORGET 2019/20 TAX DEADLINES ARE LOOMING!

If 2019/20 is the first year you need to file a return please remember to register for self-assessment by **5th October** – if you don't you may get charged a late registration penalty by HMRC. If you submit a paper tax return please remember this has to be filed by **31st October** to avoid a late filing penalty.

Finally, don't forget we can help anyone in your household with their tax return – we are not just about Foster carer tax returns, we can help with all areas of tax and benefit advice.

For further information call us on **0121 758 5013** or e-mail enquiries@fostertalk.org

Best regards

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Bear and the Cuckoo



FosterTalk members can now receive a FREE Praise card when they buy any greeting card – Code FT0920.

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