



## Who are we?

**Shared Lives South West is an award winning, independent organisation.**

Services focus on one household sharing their home, family life and their interests with someone with support needs. It's like adult fostering.

This personalised service is one of the most highly rated forms of social care available in the UK.

Shared Lives South West was set up in 2004 and covers Devon, Torbay, Plymouth, Cornwall and Somerset.

**Open your home and your heart and help someone with support needs to thrive.**



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**Share your home.  
Share your life.**

## Become a carer with us





**“I like the flexibility of being able to work from home and help people to thrive. It is so rewarding I see it as a lifestyle choice rather than a job”**

**Teresa, a Shared Lives South West carer**

## What skills do I need?

You don't need formal qualifications, but you do need to have had experience in the health and social care sector.

If you are looking for a new way of working look no further!



## Who will I share my home with?

**We work with you to decide who lives/visits for a break. You choose who you would like to support:**

- ✦ A person with a learning disability
- ✦ Someone living with mental ill health
- ✦ An older person
- ✦ Someone living with dementia
- ✦ A parent with a learning disability
- ✦ Someone leaving hospital
- ✦ A young person transitioning from foster care



**“I would highly recommend this way of life to anyone who feels that they could offer a real home to any adults with additional needs”**  
**Lynn, a Shared Lives South West carer**

## What is Shared Lives?

**Shared Lives South West carers open their own home to someone needing support.**

They either move in with the carer or enjoy a short break. SLSW Carers help with all aspects of life from cooking, to being part of the local community to realising their aspirations and dreams.

SLSW Carers need a positive approach and a big heart!



## About the role

- ✦ You will need care experience
- ✦ You will need a spare room
- ✦ Training will be provided
- ✦ You will be self employed
- ✦ It's a paid position role with generous tax breaks
- ✦ You will be allocated a SLSW Coordinator to offer advice and support
- ✦ All carers are assessed and go through an approval process

## How do I apply?

You can call one of our offices and speak to our team who will answer any questions you have about the role. Alternatively, you can visit our website:

**[www.sharedlivesw.org.uk](http://www.sharedlivesw.org.uk)**