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A photograph of a man, a woman, and a young boy in a wheelchair. The man is leaning over the boy, smiling, while the woman sits next to him, also smiling. They are outdoors in front of a building with a blue and white striped awning. The boy is wearing a blue hoodie with a logo that says 'NEATH PORT TALBOT' and 'FATFISH'.

could you be a hafan teulu carer?

Providing short breaks for
children with disabilities



Hafan Teulu – meaning **Family Haven** – is a short break fostering service for children with disabilities who live at home with their families.

We are looking for kind, patient and reliable people who can offer children a safe and welcoming place to stay for short, planned breaks.

You do not need to give up work or change your whole life to foster with Hafan Teulu – many of our carers foster ***alongside paid employment.***

what is hafan teulu?

Hafan Teulu is part of **Foster Wales Neath Port Talbot**, your local authority fostering service.

Our carers provide regular, **planned short breaks** for children with disabilities; these breaks are regular, predictable and built around **strong relationships**.

Hafan Teulu carers become a trusted part of a child and family's wider support network.

what are short breaks?

Short breaks are planned stays where a child spends time with their Hafan Teulu carer.

They:

- give children new experiences in a safe family setting
- support confidence and independence
- give families time to rest, recharge or focus on other needs

Short breaks are **not emergency care**. They are calm, familiar and carefully planned for everyone involved.

what does being a hafan teulu carer involve?

As a Hafan Teulu carer, you will:

- welcome a child into your home for agreed short breaks
- provide a safe, nurturing and predictable environment
- work alongside the child's family and professionals
- build a meaningful relationship over time

Children are carefully matched with carers who best meet their needs – this is about **quality, not quantity**.

can i foster and still work?

Yes – absolutely.

Hafan Teulu fostering can be:

- **part-time**, or
- **alongside full-time paid employment**

One of our current carers works full time for Neath Port Talbot Council, alongside being a Hafan Teulu carer.

Short breaks are planned around everyone's availability, making this a realistic and rewarding role for many people who thought fostering was not possible for them.

who can become a hafan teulu carer?

You don't need previous fostering experience. Whilst you do not need experience of working with children with disabilities, it can be beneficial.

We welcome enquiries from people who:

- have a stable home environment (with a spare bedroom)
- enjoy spending time with children
- are patient, caring and reliable
- want to make a difference in a child's life

You can be:

- single or in a couple
- unemployed/retired
- working full time, part time or from home
- from any background

What matters most is your ability to offer **warmth, consistency and understanding.**

training, support and payment

All Hafan Teulu carers receive:

- full assessment and preparation
- specialist training
- ongoing support from a dedicated supervising social worker
- fostering allowances for the care you provide

You are never expected to do this alone – support is always available.

why foster with hafan teulu?

- Make a real difference to a child and their family
- Build long-term, trusted relationships
- Foster in a way that fits around your life
- Be part of a supportive local authority team

For many carers, Hafan Teulu is described as **the most rewarding thing they've ever done.**

let's start a conversation

If you have ever thought about fostering but assumed it wouldn't fit alongside work or family life – **Hafan Teulu might be right for you.**

We would love to talk with you, answer your questions and explore the possibilities.

Just come and have a conversation.



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