

MEN, COULD YOU DONATE TIME TO BE A Reading mentor?

WHY WE NEED YOU

- ❗ 1.1 Million children in the UK are growing up with little or no contact with their father (CSJ 2018)
- ❗ 2.9 Million children are raised in lone parent families (ONS 2019)
- ❗ Boys fall considerably behind girls in reading abilities throughout their school life
- ❗ Boys are a 1/3 less likely to go to University than girls
- ❗ Boys have been falling behind girls in GCSE's for three decades
- ❗ Boys who see their father read for 30 mins a day read more than boys who never see their father read
- ❗ Boys from homes where a father is absent are at a greater risk of under achieving in school



"He loves reading, he loves his mentor, he looks forward to their sessions, he appreciates the time he is given by his mentor who volunteers. Thank you for everything - it has been life changing for my son". - Mother.

"Spending time with two boys every week, hearing them openly share their lives and their struggles (in some cases) with me, knowing I'm a safe sounding board for them, has been great. It's been a real reminder of how tough life can be for some young people and their families". - Mentor

"The volunteers don't quite realise the impact they are having on these boys. They really have been strong role models. I know it's not just about the reading BUT to have a male read to them shows them that it's not a 'geeky' thing to do. Thank you". - Teacher.

Are you male, over 18 and live, study or work in the Basildon District? Could you commit one to two hours a week for three months, to read to a boy in a local school? If so, Lads Need Dads would love to hear from you.

Applicants will be subject to a DBS check.

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