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### **Adoption and fostering awareness week 19 to 25 October**

**“Make a Difference”**

#### **Everyone needs a Superhero!!**

Next week the Social Services department of the Care Agency will be marking Fostering and Adoption Awareness Week by holding awareness and information sessions which aim to encourage families to consider fostering or adoption thereby transforming the lives of children in Gibraltar.

The Agency will be presenting a range of awareness events over the week of 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October which will celebrate the successes of fostering and adoption for children, foster carers and adopters.

The aim of the awareness week is to provide the community with a better understanding of what foster care means and how it works in Gibraltar, as well as provide an insight into how an adoption process is necessary for children who may need permanent care.

The week will commence with an awareness stand at the piazza on Monday morning. It will then formally be launched by a presentation by Social Services at 6pm at the O’Callaghan Elliott Hotel which will be opened by the Hon Samantha Sacramento, Minister for Social Services. If interested in attending please register at [mfess@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:mfess@gibraltar.gov.gi).

There will also be drop in information sessions at the Charles Hunt Room at the John Mackintosh Hall on the following days and times:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am – 12.30pm

People are encouraged to meet with the Care Agency team and find out what adoption and fostering is all about. There will be refreshments and a kids' area where children can play while you chat.

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"The aim of the awareness week is to inform the community of what fostering and adoption entails. A restructure of the department and additional resources and training within Social Services has now enabled the team of professionals to better offer information on this service and support families in the process. Gibraltar prides itself in its close community and we want to build on the special qualities of the people here in providing care for our most vulnerable children and young people. " said Samantha Sacramento, Minister for Social Services



Fostering and Adoption -The Key to a Caring Community