

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

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Pen Pals Project

Who are we?

We are Literacy Volunteers, a registered charity formed in 1996, which helps children in Primary Schools with reading and communication difficulties overcome their problems. We are a partnership of member schools and Volunteers, who we vet (via the CRB) train and support in post with the minimum call on school staff resources. This is our **Pen Pals Project**.

What do we do?

- For the Pen Pals Project we will recruit, vet (via the CRB) and provide guidance and assistance to Senior Citizens who are selected as suitable Pen Pals.
- The participating School will select the children who will take part in the Scheme.
- Literacy Volunteers, in conjunction with the School, will arrange a "Get to Know You" meeting with the Pen Pals and the selected children.
- Literacy Volunteers will agree the subject matter of the correspondence with the School (this could be related to the content of lessons that a child is currently pursuing) and liaise with the Pen Pals accordingly.
- The exchange of letters will take place monitored by an appointed Schools Representative and a member of Literacy Volunteers Staff Team.

Who will benefit?

- The Children who will gain from a wide variety of experiences and the understanding of past events and happenings across the generational divide.
- The Pen Pals themselves, who will be able to share their experiences with the upcoming generation, encourage and develop an understanding of modern history and the conditions that prevailed in the recent past.
- The School that will be able to bring "live" examples of the conditions, thoughts and feelings of recent generations to their lessons.

What do you do if you are interested?

Contact the Administrator on **0115 915 1119** or email contact@literacyvolunteers.org.uk to find out more. Detailed costings will be discussed with you after your initial contact.

We are also able to offer:

Community Course

Parent Volunteers Course

Sixth Form Mentors Course

Family Reading at Home Course



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