# **Parent & Community Support Service (PCSS)**

# **In Search of Champions**

This project is all about parents and families working together to run activities for babies and toddlers from children’s centres in Gloucestershire. There are fantastic volunteers who help with groups on a weekly basis and other groups work rotas so that all parents take a turn in helping.

We are also looking for parents/grandparents to help on a ‘now and then’ basis (you choose how much time to give). These are **CHAMPIONS** for particular aspects of children’s care and development.

### **SO……..**

Do you feel you could either

Run regular sessions for parents and children to meet, socialise, play and learn, OR help with the running of those session

OR

### Do you feel **passionate** about the importance of any aspects of childcare and family life and willing to pass on your experience and ideas to others- now and again?

e.g.

* Healthy eating
* The importance of singing and rhyme
* Dental health
* Messy play
* Storytime and Storysacks
* Coping with twins
* Active play
* Weaning
* Coping with ‘baby blues’
* Etc., etc. (the list is endless)

### Would you be prepared to **share** your ideas and what you know with groups of parents?

If **YES**, please get in touch with us so that we can build our network of **CHAMPIONS** working across the county and linked to the PCSS project.

As a champion, you can do as much or as little as you like as we want these roles to fit in around YOUR life. If you feel you would need to brush up on knowledge in an area or if you feel a bit nervous about speaking to groups, we can help with some training and support.

### **Everyone has something to offer**

### **Training and support available**

Interested in finding out more? Just contact Max Comfort at GRCC: email [maxc@grcc.org.uk](mailto:maxc@grcc.org.uk) or telephone 01452 528491, or complete and return this form to GRCC, Community House, 15 College Green, Gloucester GL1 2LZ.

### Who is GRCC?

GRCC is a well-established charity that has been working across Gloucestershire for nearly 100 years. We provide support to voluntary and community groups on finding funding, managing organisations and volunteering. Find out more on our website [www.grcc.org.uk](http://www.grcc.org.uk/).

On this PCSS project we are also working with PATA – again, a well-established Gloucestershire organisation supporting and developing high quality childcare, education and play for children, families and professionals. More information can be found on [www.pataglos.org.uk](http://www.pataglos.org.uk).

## **Contact details:**

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### **Why would you like to be a CHAMPION and what are you particularly interested in sharing with other parents?**

**Helping to run a regular session for families and children YES/ NO**

**IF YES ….** Tell us a bit about what you would like to do and where

**I am interested in sharing my ideas with other parents YES/ NO**

**IF YES ….** Tell us a bit about what you are interested in sharing and what you can offer

Information you provide will be kept safely by GRCC and only used for the purposes of keeping track of our activity in relation to Parent Champions and the PCSS. We will only share your details with our partner PATA.