



Meet our new Family Mentor - Jane



Meet Jane - one of our new Family Mentors! Jane joined the Hopeful Families team at the beginning of April, and is raring to help our participants reach their goals!

Jane's passion is helping people get back into work, and she joins us from a background packed with experience in doing just that. She spent twelve years in high street recruitment before joining the governments Welfare-to-Work scheme. The scheme aimed to help people who were long-term unemployed or at risk of becoming so,

and Jane knew immediately that this was the kind of role in which she would flourish.

“It was a contrast to what I was used to, having spent so much time in high street recruitment, but I got used to it quickly and loved it. I worked closely with customers and participants, signposting, job posting and providing mental health support to help them stay in work.”

With so much experience and passion for helping people's employment prospects, you can imagine how happy the Hopeful Families team were



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when Jane applied for the Family Mentor role! And for Jane, the role couldn't have been more perfect:

“I saw the job advert and it was exactly what I was looking for. I love helping people, engaging with people and finding solutions to problems. I immediately said to my husband: “this is the role I’ve been waiting for!””

Having now been with us for a few months, Jane can't wait for lockdown restrictions to lift so she can get back out into the local Wakefield community and meet people face to face, using her knowledge and experience to help people get back into work, training or education.

One project Jane is very keen on setting up is a singing group, as singing is one of Jane's biggest passions! She loves to sing and had the wonderful idea of setting up a singing group over the summer, aimed at getting people out their homes again after lockdown in a fun, supportive environment.

In her spare time Jane loves spending time with her two children, walking the dog, listening to her favourite singer P!nk, or watching her favourite Disney films - Beauty and the Beast and The Little Mermaid! We're lucky to have her on board and can't wait for our participants to finally meet and get to know her!



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