 

**Template email: Invite your MP to a kinship care Support Group meeting**

Inviting your MP to a support group meeting can be a really effective way to share your experiences and help to raise the profile of kinship care in your community. Kinship Care Week is a great time to do this to provide a way for MPs to mark the Week and celebrate kinship carers in their area.

You can find out who your MP is by heading to the [Parliament website](https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP) and entering your postcode. You’ll be taken to an information page about your MP which will contain their email address.

It can be good to include specific details about kinship care in your area in your email to help you MP understand the scale of the issue. You can find the find the estimated number of children in kinship care in your area here: <https://kinship.org.uk/constituency-map>]

If you would like any support finding this information or inviting your MP please contact Kelly at [Kelly.taylor@kinship.org.uk](mailto:Kelly.taylor@kinship.org.uk).

There is a template email below. You can copy and paste the below and edit this to make it more personal or to share a bit about your group if you would like to – it’s best if the email clearly comes from you!

**Re: Invitation to Kinship Care Week event on** [date] **October at** [place]

Dear X MP

I am writing to invite you to a Kinship Care Week 2024 event on [date] at [place], organised by [name of local group] Group.

We are a group of kinship carers who have stepped in to raise a family or friends’ child where they cannot live with their birth parents. We meet regularly having developed a much-needed supportive network for kinship carers in our community.

Kinship Care Week takes place at the beginning of October. It is an annual celebration for kinship carers and an important opportunity to recognise the contribution we make to society raising more than 141,000 children across England and Wales in stable and loving homes. Kinship carers often come together to mark the week and to raise awareness and build understanding of kinship care and our kinship families.

There are an estimated XXX children in kinship care in your constituency XXX. However, unlike foster and adoptive families, many of these families receive little to no support. Your attendance at our Kinship Care Week event would mean a lot to the kinship carers and their families that live in your constituency. If you are interested in finding out more about kinship care and support for families in your area, please visit [www.kinship.org.uk.](http://www.kinship.org.uk/)

The previous Government delivered a first ever National Kinship Care Strategy for England in December 2023 which recognised and celebrated the contribution which kinship carers make. But it didn’t go far enough to guarantee the financial, practical and emotional support which kinship children and their families urgently need. This event will give you an opportunity to speak directly with kinship carers about their experiences and the challenges they are facing locally, and get their views on how the new UK Government can deliver improved support for all kinship families.

The event will be fairly informal, and celebratory, giving you a chance to sit down and have a chat and a cup of tea with kinship carers and the challenges we’re facing.

Please contact XXX at XXX to RSVP and for further information. We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of X (Group name)

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