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# What can I offer to Dads Express?

## - feedback from group discussion

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The purpose of this session was to gauge some of the resources available to Dads Express in the future. Three typed pages of suggestions were offered. A précis is given below. These are not listed in any order of priority.

### I can offer ...

- ✓ **Facilitation Skills.**
- ✓ **Writing Skills.**
- ✓ **Some time.**
- ✓ **Help with administrative tasks.**
- ✓ **Help to organise events in the Derry/Limavady area.**
- ✓ **To be on the organising committee for next year.**
- ✓ **My experience as a young father.**
- ✓ **An interest in promoting father and child play.**
- ✓ **Contacts and referral information.**
- ✓ **Enthusiasm and ideas.**
- ✓ **Database/Web/DTP Skills.**
- ✓ **Models of practice for group work with parents: tailor-made courses and accredited courses.**
- ✓ **Resources for use with parents in specific areas of work e.g. young/teenage parents, parents who are separated from their children, parents whose children are displaying difficult behaviour.**
- ✓ **Experience in getting project funding and exploring what the gaps are/seem to be.**
- ✓ **The use of meeting venues.**
- ✓ **To share my personal experiences.**
- ✓ **To bring dads along to events.**
- ✓ **Experience of working with generic men's groups.**
- ✓ **Experience of working with: young care-leavers; lone fathers; young fathers; dads in prison; fathers of Primary/Post-Primary School children; dads in ante-natal settings; separated fathers; fathers of pre-school children; dads facing work-life balance issues ...**
- ✓ **Storytelling skills.**
- ✓ **Commitment to work with fathers.**
- ✓ **Opportunities to advertise what Dads Express is through our own newsletter/website.**
- ✓ **To recruit others to the network.**
- ✓ **Information and advice in relation to sexual health issues for men.**
- ✓ **Commitment to support fathers in our own local programmes.**
- ✓ **To promote the positive messages of Dads Express in the community that we are working in.**
- ✓ **Recruitment contacts and advertising for events/work (on our website and in our newsletter).**
- ✓ **To set-up an online interactive message board for members.**
- ✓ **Links to groups in other countries.**
- ✓ **To take away what we have learnt today and implement it in our own workplaces!**