

## What effect does fostering have on you - Niki video transcript

[At the top left of the image a Durham County Council logo followed by the text 'Is there training - Niki' is displayed. Both are visible throughout the video.]

[Large black text centred on screen reads 'Do you receive training if you foster a child with Durham County Council?']

[Niki Watkis, Durham County Council foster carer.]

[Head and shoulder video of Niki sitting on a medium brown coloured couch. Niki has short styled, dark red hair and is wearing a cream, with a floral pattern, summer dress.]

[Niki]

When you foster for Durham there's a lot of support and training. Initially you have training days. You go along for sort of a four day course to learn all about fostering, to learn about the types of children who you may foster. You also get allocated your own fostering officer who looks after you throughout your journey as a foster carer. We do continual training, so once you become a foster carer for Durham the training doesn't end. It's an ongoing rolling training package, which is fantastic.

[Video still image: On the left of the image it shows a photograph of family with young children playing with a kite outside.

At the centre top of the screen on a white oval background outlined with a dashed orange line is the text 'Make ordinary moments extraordinary'. The text is in black with extraordinary in orange and in a much larger text size.

Slightly overlapping the oval shape at the centre bottom of the screen is an orange circle background with the text 'Make ordinary moments extraordinary'. The text is in white and with 'Foster' in a much larger text size.

The shape on the righthand side of the image is white. There is a Durham County Council logo in the top right corner. In the bottom right corner there is the following text in dark blue.

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