

# MEDIA RELEASE

## 'Til I Grow Up

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Across Belfast there are children of all ages who may never be able to live with their birth parents, who need a permanent home for the rest of their childhood.

There is an ongoing shortage of carers who could enable children to live with the same family until adulthood.

Belfast Trust is holding an information evening entitled "Til I Grow Up" to inform members of the public about the need for 'families for life'.

The Trust is asking people who are interested to consider the criteria below and advises, 'don't rule yourself out'.

The ideal person will like children, be child centred in their approach and be able to give love, fun and security. It is important to be resilient, flexible and to have realistic expectations.

The person should be able to answer yes to the following questions:

- will I have the time to care for a child / children?
- will I be able to work well with agencies, schools and other professionals?
- will I be willing to undergo training to help me in my role?
- will I be able to provide for a child's needs (emotional, physical and developmental) whatever they may be?
- will I be able to deal with uncertainties?
- am I committed to caring for a child for the rest of their childhood?



For further information including profiles of children involved visit  
[www.adoptionandfostering.hscni.net](http://www.adoptionandfostering.hscni.net)

**“Til I Grow Up’ will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 7 – 9pm at  
Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast. To register your interest call 028 9504  
0057 or email [DianeNWilson@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:DianeNWilson@belfasttrust.hscni.net).**

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