



Student Application Pack

About Us

The Bodie Hodges Foundation is a local Leicestershire based charity that supports families who have been bereaved of a child.

The charity was established in 2013 by Nick and Donna Hodges after the death of their ten-month-old son Bodie. They wanted to offer support to other bereaved families as their experience highlighted how isolating losing a child was. The Bodie Hodges Foundation has now become well-regarded regionally for its sensitive, effective professional 1-1 bereavement services and peer support groups to adults, children, and young people in their darkest hour of grief.

All our services are free of charge to ensure that no bereaved families are left to grieve alone and include:



Bodies Bereavement Services - Families can access 1-1 early therapeutic support and counselling services for up to 2 years after the death of their child. We also run a range of monthly peer support groups including 'Chips and a Chat', created solely for bereaved dads as well as an Art group for mums.



Sibling Support - gentle 1-1 sessions with siblings in school, which help children to understand their grief and support memory making. Groups also include a youth group and Sibling days throughout the year.



Bodies Treasured Memory Bags - a national project offering specially tailored bags to families and across the UK, to support sibling grief and encourage conversations around death.

2023 marked The Bodie Hodges Foundation 10th year of support bereaved families.

We are continuing to grow and evolve and now is an exciting time to be joining the charity as we continue to support more families bereaved of a child.

Child death leaves behind a devastation that is hard to put into words. There is no wrong or right way to grieve, and our services have been developed from lived experience.

This drives all our work, across both the bereavement and fundraising departments.

We are a close and friendly staff team who all share a passion and drive to achieve the charity's objectives.

The successful candidate will join the counselling team in offering bi-weekly counselling sessions to bereaved families at Bodie's House.

Donna Hodges
CEO and Bodie's Mummy



Student Counselling Placement

Base: Bodie's House, 254 Braunstone Lane, Leicester, LE3 3AS, this is an office-based role.

Up to 2+ Hours per week

Opportunities

Experience in bereavement counselling.

Mentoring – one to one meetings with coordinator
Internal Supervision is provided*.

Bereavement Education

How to apply

[View the Job Description](#)

Ready to apply?

Complete the registration form on our website to download the application form.

You can also contact George if you have any questions or would like to discuss the role before applying -

george@bodiehodesfoundation.co.uk

**We offer all of this as a package for £95 per calendar month, paid by Direct Debit. Our Student Placement offer includes our mentoring and support, supervision, CPD opportunities throughout the year, and admin costs. There is also an initial £300 fee to complete our induction programme. [READ MORE HERE](#)*

Our Year in Numbers

2025

Read our Impact Report 2024 [here](#)

We supported a total of 91 families during 2025



This equates to 200 individuals, 140 adults and 60 children and young people.



1,613 1-1 counselling sessions booked for our families



1,190 1-1 counselling sessions for parents



423 1-1 counselling sessions for children and young people

Monthly Support Groups



12 Creative Grief Workshops brought together bereaved mums to express, connect, and find strength in shared experience through art.



12 Chips and a Chat sessions offered bereaved dads a relaxed and supportive space to talk openly with others who truly understand.



17 Together Project youth group brought together a community of peers who 'get it'. Our sessions give the young people who attend a place to talk, laugh, share, and feel understood in a way only another bereaved sibling can offer.



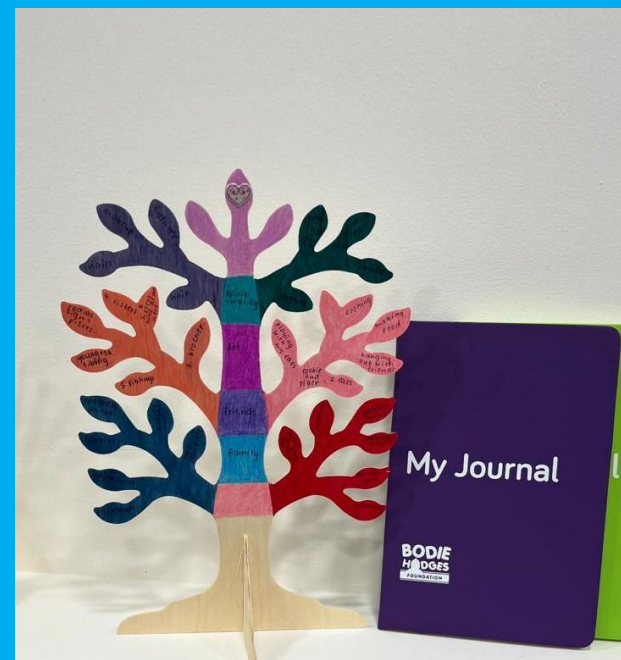
6 Together Project Juniors groups were ran across the year which support younger siblings with gentle, age appropriate and fun activities to help them explore their feelings and feel less alone.



4 Grandparents Group brought together grandparents who are often quietly grieving both a grandchild and the pain their own children face. These sessions offer comfort, understanding, and a place where their feelings were seen and valued.



147 Bodie's Treasured Memory Bags were packed with love and sent to bereaved siblings across the UK. Helping them hold onto something special as they remember their brother or sister.



Why work for us?

Bodie's Bereavement Service provide the opportunity of rewarding, meaningful work with families bereaved of a child.

-  Bodie's House has four fully furnished and welcoming therapeutic counselling rooms
-  Valuable experience in Bereavement Counselling
-  Meaningful life changing work
-  Internal supervision
-  Mentoring and 1-1 meetings with our Student Coordinator

Our Values

We are a valued driven charity, and we use our core values to drive the decisions that we make as an organisation.

You will see our values in the way we support our families, in our day-to-day work and with our team.

Being there for families as they build the strength to see a future; by encouraging them to rebuild while always remembering.

We provide families with the resources and guidance they need to rebuild and strengthen their bonds.



Professionalism



Collaboration



Hope



Resilience



Compassion

Safer Recruitment Policy

We believe that:

The Bodie Hodges Foundations believes children and young people and their families should never experience abuse of any kind, we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practice in a way that protects them.

We recognise that:

The welfare of all children is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take, working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

All children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse

Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues therefore extra safeguards may be needed to keep children who are additionally vulnerable safe from abuse.

Everyone working within the organization will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check.