**HSPCF Steering Group Candidate**

**Sample Statement**

This template is a rough guide to the sort of things you might wish to say.

It does not have to be a long statement, in fact short and to the point is best as parents may have many statements to read.

Please write:

Who you are, your connection to the SEND world, if you have any previous experience of volunteering for a parent carer forum, what you did and what you think you will bring to the Hackney SEND Parent Carer Forum.

**(Please note no prior experience is necessary, willingness and enthusiasm are just as important as experience!)**

*Max 200 words*

*Example:*

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| *Hello, my name is Suzie, I am the parent of two daughters with ASD, one in Year 4 and the other in Year 9.*  *I joined the PCF because I am passionate about ensuring the voices of SEND parents are heard and our children's needs are properly represented. As a part-time worker, I can dedicate time and energy to the forum. I’ve been involved in the Autism Workstream, where I’ve had the opportunity to advocate for better resources and understanding for neurodiverse children.*  *My time as a member of the PCF Advisory Group has allowed me to work closely with other parent carers and the Local Authority. Together, we’ve been able to push for more inclusive practices and improve the way SEND children are supported within Hackney schools.*  *My experience as a parent carer means I understand the obstacles families face—whether it’s navigating the education system or advocating for the right support.*  *If elected to the Parent Carer Forum Steering Group, I will continue to use my experience, passion, and time to advocate for inclusive practices that benefit all children. By working together, we can create a stronger, more supportive educational environment for all SEND children in Hackney.* |

**Instructions for video clip:**

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You can ask someone to film you or if you do not have anyone to film you, Please make sure to place your device somewhere stationary, facing you and including your head and shoulders. Please make sure there are NO CHILDREN or other people in the video.

*Please make your video a max of 2 minute long. Please rest assured that 2 min is more than enough time to include your points – we have tried it!.*

Please send your statements or video clips to Preetam Puri at City & Hackney Carers Centre on [Preetam.puri@hackneycarers.org.uk](mailto:Preetam.puri@hackneycarers.org.uk) or WhatsApp on 07565 444413

***All statements/videos to be received by midnight on Sunday 8th December***

Thankyou!