

Course Title: Families Who Choose to Foster

Trainer:

Chris Anderson is an independent trainer and registered social worker. who has worked extensively with children and young people who present complex and challenging behaviours.

Chris' social work career spans over twenty five years and she has managed a number of residential care homes and social work teams. In all of these roles she has been actively involved in supporting foster carers and children who are 'Looked After'.

Aims and Objectives:

This course aims to explore the impact of fostering a child or young person on the foster carers' own children and wider family.

It aims to provide an honest and supportive forum to explore these issues and to facilitate a constructive discussion about the ways in which changes and adaptations are made within families when fostering enters the picture.

Duration of course:

One day (9.30 – 4.30 with a breaks)

Numbers:

Up to a maximum of 25 participants

Target Audience:

This is a forum where foster carers have the opportunity to discuss, learn and gain support in managing their roles as foster carers, with experienced facilitators.

Teaching Method:

The course is conceived in seminar format, to enable maximum interaction between trainer and course participants. There is a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, together with small group exercises to facilitate experiential learning

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Course Synopsis:

- The many ways in which fostering will impact upon families
- Working with more than just the child- Social workers, Courts and birth families
- How society and local communities see foster care and children who are 'Looked After'.
- The role of a foster carer in daily life
- Advocacy and how supporting a fostered child may affect carers and their families
- How families deal with fostered children and familial events
- Are families who foster marginalised and discriminated against because they foster?
- The 'hidden thoughts' of family members
- How will professional foster care develop?