

Course Title: Mind Your Language! A Course About Swearing

Trainers

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Aims and Objectives:

This course aims give care workers a basic insight to the derivation of swearing and why it is inherent in all cultures, shocking to some and language essential to others.

The course examines and discusses some of the reasons people swear. The 'power' of swearing is explored, together with a more general look at what influences children's and adolescents' language. Generational and gender differences are considered, and participants are encouraged to look at their own attitudes to and use of 'swear words'

Duration of course:

Whole day (9.30 - 4.30 with breaks)

Numbers:

Between 12 and 24 participants

Target Audience:

This is an introduction to understanding some of the strong feelings we may have with regard to what can be seen as offensive language

The course is designed for workers who may encounter swearing or strong language in their daily work in social care and related roles.

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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

Course Synopsis:

- An introduction to the power of swearing
- Why is that a swear word?
- Sexual innuendo and swearing
- Language and culture
- Fashion 'Statements'
- How language changes
- Language and generations
- 'It might be a swear word to you'
- Linguistic fashions and changes