



## Public seminar for social workers, teachers and other professionals, adoptive parents and other permanent carers



Pre-adoption  
Post-adoption  
Permanency  
Advice &  
Counselling

### Why is this child so different? Dissociation in children and adolescents

#### Who should attend

- Adoptive parents and other permanent carers
- Social workers and other professionals working in adoption and permanency
- Teachers who work with looked after children

#### Trainer

**Dr Renée Marks** works as a consultant therapist in the North of England and specialises in adoptive families and children in the care system. She has 32 years' experience of working with families whose children are suffering from complex trauma sustained while living with their birth families. Renée also works as an expert witness in family and private law, assessing children and families. She provides clinical supervision for therapists, consultation agencies, social workers and schools on children with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

This training will cover the ABC of dissociative signs and symptoms in children and adolescents and examine the causes of dissociation, drawing on current theories.

The second part of the day will offer practical guidelines for social workers, adoptive parents, foster and other permanent carers and teachers who work with looked after children presenting with dissociative symptoms. Practice examples will be given using children's drawings, toys and video footage of sessions with children.

#### Date

Thursday  
12 July 2012  
10.00am – 4.30pm  
Lunch will be provided

#### Venue

NCVO  
8 All Saints Street  
London N1 9RL  
(near King's Cross)

#### Fees

**PAC Subscribing Local Authorities:**  
Individuals: £77 (£92.40 incl.VAT);  
Couples: £144 (£172.80 incl.VAT);  
Professionals: £129 (£154.80 incl.VAT)

#### PAC Non-Subscribing Local Authorities:

Individuals: £88 (£105.60 incl.VAT);  
Couples: £165 (£198 incl.VAT);  
Professionals: £153 (£183.60 incl.VAT)

#### Benefits of attending:

- Gain a better understanding of dissociation in children and adolescents
- Be able to identify dissociation in children and adolescents
- Make sense of why working on attachment issues is sometimes not enough
- Learn how to provide some grounding and help to children and adolescents with dissociation

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