



## Training event for social workers and other professionals working in adoption and permanency

### Addressing and assessing attachment, loss and trauma issues in prospective adopters

#### Who should attend

Social workers and other professionals working in adoption and permanency

#### Trainer

**Franca Brenninkmeyer** studied in Belgium and the UK. She has over 20 years of professional adoption experience and has worked at PAC since 1996. Franca was instrumental in developing PAC's Child and Family Service. She regularly presents on adoption and attachment related topics.

This training day will address the issues that can arise when emotionally charged aspects of prospective adopters' life stories are being assessed, whereby significant attachment, loss and trauma experiences can be particularly challenging. Practical ideas relating to the 'what' and the 'how to' around the assessment of these experiences will be presented and practiced. There will also be plenty of time for exchange of experience and expertise between those who attend.

#### Date

Monday  
16 September 2013  
10.00am – 4.30pm  
Lunch will be provided

#### Venue

Resource for London  
356 Holloway Road  
London  
N7 6PA

#### Prices

**PAC Subscribing Local Authorities:**  
Professionals: £131 (£157.20 incl.VAT)

**PAC Non-Subscribing Local Authorities:**  
Professionals: £155 (£186 incl.VAT)

#### Benefits of attending:

Participants will

- Increase their understanding of the challenges involved in the assessments of sensitive life story issues in prospective adopters
- Add to their repertoire of assessment strategies including interview and communication techniques, questionnaires and the use of the arts and play
- Have the opportunity to think about the 'what to do' when adopters are deemed not to be ready or suitable
- Learn from each other