



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

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### First Family – Working effectively with contemporary birth parents

#### Who should attend

This could be of interest to all those working with contemporary birth parents at any stage of the process: children's social workers, letterbox coordinators, adoption social workers, panel members, counsellors, support workers and those working with vulnerable adults.

#### Trainer

**Mike Hancock** has been the Contemporary Birth Parent Worker at PAC-UK in the north for the past 6 years and works with birth parents both individually and in support groups around Yorkshire as well as training and participating in research on their experience.

Mike will use his extensive experience of working with contemporary birth parents to provide strategies and techniques that enable effective engagement. The training will be interactive and combine experience of working with birth parents with what they say themselves about their experience.

#### Mike will cover:

- Referrals and making initial contact
- Where to meet
- What birth parents say they need- a look at feedback and research
- Loss, anger and telling their story
- Case studies
- Letterbox
- Accessing file information
- Continuing being a parent and reunion
- Establishing and running a group
- Prevention: working with birth parents to stop this happening again

#### Dates

##### London

Wednesday 27 January 2016  
10.00am – 4.30pm  
Lunch will be provided

##### Leeds

Wednesday 27 April 2016  
10.00am – 4.30pm  
Lunch will be provided

#### Venues

##### London

Resource for London,  
356 Holloway Road,  
London N7 6PA

##### Leeds

Shine,  
Harehills Road,  
Leeds LS8 5HS  
(free parking available)

#### Fees

##### PAC-UK Subscribing Local

##### Authorities:

Professionals: £141 (£169.20 incl VAT)

##### PAC-UK Non-Subscribing Local

##### Authorities:

Professionals: £166.50 (£199.80 incl VAT)

#### Benefits of attending:

##### Participants will:

- Gain an understanding of how to practically work with contemporary birth parents;
- Have a greater understanding of birth parents needs;
- Increase their confidence by learning techniques and strategies that enable more effective engagement

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