**WORKSHOPS FOR**

**ADOPTION SUPPORT WORKERS**

The training sessions are designed to meet the needs of adoption support workers who work with adopted adults and birth relatives of adopted adults. The workshops we offer include:

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| **Training Day A**  **Access to birth records, birth records counselling and access to information**  **Overview**  This workshop covers the statutory obligations of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 and the differences between birth records counselling, access to birth records and access to information. It also explores the emotional impact of the work, both on the adopted adult and on the self.  **Who should attend?**  Social workers and social work assistants who may be undertaking this work under the supervision of an experienced social worker with at least three years’ experience of adoption  work.  **Dates**  Monday, 23 October 2017,  Quaker Centre, Milton Keynes  **Cost:** £150 | **Training Day B**  **Intermediary work with birth relatives and adopted adults**  **Overview**  This workshop explores the personal and professional skills required to deliver an effective intermediary service and provides opportunities to practise these in a safe environment. It also covers ways of making initial approaches using different media and dealing with expectations and complex issues.  **Who should attend?**  Social workers, social work assistants and others who are conducting intermediary work under the umbrella of a registered adoption support agency.  **Dates**  Tuesday, 21 November 2017,  Quaker Centre, Milton Keynes  **Cost:** £150 |
| **Training Day C**  **Intermediary services for descendants and other prescribed people**  **Overview**  This workshop is designed to build confidence in working in this new area of post-adoption support. It covers the legal underpinning of and processes involved in working with descendants and other prescribed people. It also explores the emotional aspects of this work, and provides opportunities to practise preparing to share the news of the death of a relative separated through adoption.  **Who should attend?**  Social workers and others who are conducting intermediary work under the umbrella of a registered adoption support agency who wish to acquire knowledge about the new legislation.  *NB: this workshop is not suitable for those without prior experience of intermediary work unless they have attended Training Day B.*  **Dates**  Wednesday, 22 November 2017,  Quaker Centre, Milton Keynes  **Cost:** £150 | **Training Day D NEW!**  **Access to information for  post-commencement adoptions (adoptions from 30/12/2005)**  **Overview**  This workshop looks at the differences between working with pre-commencement and post-commencement adoptions in terms of access to and sharing of information and intermediary practice. The legal underpinning and emerging processes will be covered as well as skills practice in sharing difficult information.  **Who should attend?**  Social workers and others who may be undertaking this work under the supervision of an experienced social worker with at least three years’ experience of adoption work who wish to build confidence in this area.  *NB: this workshop is not suitable for those without prior experience of birth records counselling/access to information unless they have attended Training Day A.*  **Dates**  Tuesday, 24 October 2017,  Quaker Centre, Milton Keynes **Cost:** £150 |

**We can deliver these workshops in-house for your agency / region - please contact jan@adoptionservicesforadults.org.uk for more information**

**There is inexpensive overnight accommodation available near to the workshop venue   
– please ask on booking**

**All workshops are facilitated by:**

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| **Jean Milsted** | a social worker with many years’ experience of working with adults affected by adoption |
| **Jan Shine** | an intermediary and freelance trainer with many years’ experience of working with adults affected by adoption |

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**Features of our workshops:**

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| • highly participative | • reflection on professional practice |
| • skills practice  • a variety of learning methods | • all the information you need to operate within the legislation and guidance |
| • a comprehensive resource file | • a wide range of practical tools |

**The workshop fee is fully inclusive of workshop materials, a comprehensive   
resource pack to take away, lunch and refreshments throughout the day**

**What previous participants have said ……**

*“Very informative workshop, covered all areas and a good balance   
between process, legislation, practice and reflection.”  
Kelly, Senior Practitioner*

*“Although not a social worker this has been helpful for me   
as first point of contact to have a thorough overview.”   
Michelle, Administrator*

*“The facilitators managed to allow every participant   
to contribute, challenging practice and views sensitively and appropriately.”  
Tracey, Social Worker*

*“Very informative with great materials. Dedicated   
and focused facilitators who used practice examples   
to bring to life with a great balance of practical skills and   
written/verbal learning with enough time to reflect,   
learn and consider application to our practice.”  
Anna, Social Worker*

“*Course leaders were enabling of all participants,   
even though there was a mixed range of experience.   
I would highly recommend this course.”  
Lorna, Post Adoption Worker*

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**To book your place, please complete the attached booking form**

**and return it to us at this address or by e-mail to jan@adoptionservicesforadults.org.uk:**

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**BOOKING FORM FOR WORKSHOPS FOR ADOPTION SUPPORT WORKERS**

**Please book me a place on the following workshop(s):**

**Training Day A: Access to birth records/birth records counselling/access to information**

**23 October 2017, Milton Keynes £150.00**

**Training Day B: Intermediary work with birth relatives and adopted adults  
21 November 2017, Milton Keynes £150.00**

**Training Day C: Working with descendants and other prescribed people**

**22 November 2017, Milton Keynes £150.00**

**Training Day D: Access to information for post-commencement adoptions**

**24 October 2017, Milton Keynes £150.00**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Role** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Postal address** |  |
| **Telephone** |  |
| **E-mail address** |  |
| **Individual requirements**  How can we make your attendance at the workshop the best it can be for you? (dietary needs, access, etc.) |  |

**PAYMENT**

**By cheque – please make cheques payable to ‘Adoption Services for Adults’**

**I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**OR**

**By invoice:**

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| **Contact name** |  |
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| **Contact email and telephone** |  |

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. **Once you have received confirmation of your place your fee cannot be refunded if you are unable to attend, however, you are welcome to allocate your place to another colleague.**
2. **We reserve the right to cancel a workshop, in which case a full refund will be made, or a place will be offered to you on the re-scheduled workshop.**
3. **Payment must be received in advance of attendance at a training event.**

**I have read and accept the terms and conditions of this booking**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please return your completed form to us at: Adoption Services for Adults, c/o 36 Gatewick Lane, Caldecotte, Milton Keynes MK7 8LJ or by e-mail to jan@adoptionservicesforadults.org.uk**