

Infertility in Adoption

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This very successful training day was held earlier in the year in Birmingham. Due to many requests it is to be repeated in London. It is presented by two specialists who are Senior Social Work Practitioners/ Counsellors with Adoption Routes and Counsellors with the Fertility Counselling Service ni, the only dedicated counselling service available to couples and individuals experiencing fertility problems in Northern Ireland. The following comments were made about the day:

“Every social worker should do this course”

“Very informative regarding treatments and impact on couples”

“Informative and insightful; has given me the confidence to make informed assessments”

“To revisit the whole area of fertility in adoption has been helpful – I feel more confident regarding assessing how people have moved on”

“Wish I had done this course years ago”

N.B. Due to the sensitive issues raised only eighteen delegates can attend on each day.

Aims & Objectives of Course:

By the end of this short course you will have:

- developed your knowledge about fertility investigations and treatment
- gained insight into the emotional impact of infertility on individuals and couples
- revisited theories of loss/grieving
- considered the exploration of infertility loss in adoption assessment
- examined the “resolution” and the “gains” of loss in relation to assessment and placement
- developed an awareness of the life-long impact of the infertility experience

Programme: 10. 15 am - 4.00 pm		
10.00 – 10.15	Registration and Coffee	
10.15	Introduction to the day.	Hopes & Expectations Personal Values and Beliefs
10.30	Fertility Treatments	
11.15	Break	
11.25	Emotional Impact of Fertility	Loss/Grieving Process Infertility as Loss Personal Experience
1.00 – 1.40	Lunch	
1.40	Theory into Practice Assessment	Case Scenarios
2.45	Break	
3.00	Risks of “Unresolved Loss” The “Gains” of Loss	
3.30	Questions & Evaluation	
4.00pm	Finish	

Venue : Coram Adoption and Permanent Families Service WC1N 2QA.
A ten minute walk from Kings Cross and St Pancras stations.
A fifteen minute walk from Euston

Bookings: To reserve places for your agency please email to;
c.prickett@cvaa.org.uk to receive or return a completed booking form

Cost: The cost to CVAA member Agency delegates is £85.00.
£95.00 to independent/contract SW or other delegates.
The higher cost for the day reflects the necessity to limit the delegate number to eighteen per training day

Cancellations: If a delegate is unable to attend a course CVAA can accept a substitute delegate at no additional cost.
If a booking is cancelled six weeks or more prior to the training day date CVAA will offer to reimburse agencies 50% of the booking fee or give a credit for a place on another/future course.
If a booking is cancelled within six weeks prior to the training day date CVAA is not able to offer a refund or credit note.

Lunch: To keep costs down delegates are requested to bring their own lunch.

Training Certificates will be issued for delegates' GSCC registration purposes