

## FAMILY RIGHTS GROUP TRAINING

# A three day course on: FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCE FOR NEW CO-ORDINATORS

This course is for those who wish to increase their understanding of family group conferences and develop the necessary skills to co-ordinate a family group conference.

**14th, 15th and 16th September 2009, 09.30am - 4:30pm:  
London**

**VENUE:** West Reservoir Centre, Green Lanes, London N4 2HA

**COST:** £450

**RSVP:** To guarantee a place please RSVP before **1st September 2009**

### CO-ORDINATOR ACCREDITATION:

Family Rights Group is running a national FGC accredited post graduate certificate for new FGC co-ordinators. The certificate has been developed with FGC projects across England and Wales and is being run in conjunction with the University of Chester. The certificate will comprise 3 modules during which co-ordinators will have to demonstrate evidence of learning including a 3-day introductory course followed by work based learning when the co-ordinator would shadow a number of FGCs and then complete a number of observed FGCs.

This 3 day training course will comprise an important element of the first module of the pilot. If you wish to find out more about the FGC Co-ordinator Accreditation please contact Sean Haresnape on [sharesnape@frg.org.uk](mailto:sharesnape@frg.org.uk) or Cathy Ashley on [cashley@frg.org.uk](mailto:cashley@frg.org.uk).

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To understand the value basis of FGCs;
- To understand the legal and policy framework within which FGC's operate;
- To develop a working knowledge of FGCs, including understanding the skills in preparing for the FGC, managing the meeting and the process that follows;
- To recognise the complexities of family led decision-making and learn skills in managing these complexities and conflicts in families;
- To understand the role of other professionals in the meeting;
- To understand the issues involved in supporting children's participation in the FGC process.
- To inform participants of the wider accreditation framework;
- To be familiar with research findings in relation to FGCs and to be signposted for further information;
- To enable participants to be aware of sources of support including the FGC Network.

**Participants are required to have a basic knowledge of the FGC model and child welfare.**

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## TRAINERS

### **SHARON INGLIS, CONSULTANT, FAMILY RIGHTS GROUP**

Sharon is a Family Group Conference Coordinator and Director of Circles, an agency providing training and consultancy to a range of organisations regarding the implementation and development of family group conference services.

Previous FGC posts have included managing the Dove Project in Hampshire, which looked at the use of FGC in situations of domestic violence and managing a Sure Start, community based FGC project in Portsmouth. Recently she led the implementation of a Home Office funded local research project exploring the use of FGC across Education, Social Services and Youth Offending teams and developed a unified, multi-agency service delivery model aimed at putting families back in the centre of decision making.

### **MICHAELA STAY, CONSULTANT, FAMILY RIGHTS GROUP**

Michaela Stay is an Independent Social Worker and Family Group Conference Co-ordinator educated to degree level with specific social work experience spanning some 15 years. This has ranged from residential, family centre, youth club and children & families field social work including court proceedings. For the past 7 years her focus has been on researching, setting up and managing the Family Group Conference service in Windsor & Maidenhead. This has included the development of all referral systems, policy and procedures as well as recruitment, training and supervision of independent family group conference co-ordinators.

She has been actively involved with Buckinghamshire University on a recruitment panel for the Diploma in Social Work programme, as well running one day workshops on Family Group Conferences for PQ1 trainees. As an experienced Practice Teacher she has been an assessor for portfolio submissions on the Assessment Board for the Berkshire DipSW programme.

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## **FGC CO-ORDINATORS TRAINING BOOKING FORM (14th, 15th and 16th October 2009)**

Please photocopy this booking form as required and return to:

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**PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY. TO GUARANTEE A PLACE RETURN BEFORE 1st September 2009**

Name .....

Position .....Organisation .....

Address.....

..... Post Code.....

Telephone No ..... Email.....

Billing address (for invoice).....

Any special requirements (i.e. dietary / sight / hearing / access)? **YES** **NO**  
Method of payment (delete as appropriate) *cheque made payable to FRG Ltd / Please invoice*

If yes, please specify assistance required .....

**Cancellation Policy: Let us know in writing as soon as possible if you cannot attend event on which you are booked. There will be no refunds for cancellations 8 working days or less prior to any event or if you fail to turn up on the day without notice. Substitutions may be made at anytime at no extra cost.**

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