



Professional Independent Advocacy with Children and Young People

Open College Network London Region Accredited Course

28th & 29th FEBRUARY 2012

9.15 - 4.30pm

£495 plus £65 OCN accreditation

This course provides an overview of Independent Issues Based Advocacy and key skills for effective advocacy.

The course will focus on defining what advocacy is, and what constitutes effective practice.

By the end of the session participants will be able to:

- Define advocacy and explain how it differs from other helping professions
- Understand the different models of advocacy
- Understand the underpinning principles of advocacy
- Understand the advocacy process
- Recognise situations where advocacy can support children and young people
- Understand the role of the advocate
- Recognise the barriers faced by children and young people in accessing advocacy
- Recognise dilemma's and conflicts for advocates and strategies to overcome them
- Demonstrate an awareness of anti-oppressive practice
- Understand confidential boundaries within the advocacy relationship
- Demonstrate an awareness of the legislative framework surrounding advocacy and children's rights

- Demonstrate skills in working with children and young people
- Maintain safe working practices throughout the advocacy relationship
- Demonstrate an understanding of children's rights
- Reflect on personal practice and key skills after participating in case studies

The course is participative and attendees encouraged to practice skills. A completed portfolio at Level 3 will be required to achieve accreditation.

Venue: The Library, Commonwealth Halls, Cartwright Gardens, London, WC1H 9EE (5mins from Euston and Kings Cross Stations)

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