

Developing Housing Options – Building local knowledge and know-how to support individuals and families to get a home of their own.

Participants
20
Price Band
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No of days
2
Extra Costs
£40 for session
materials

This course provides a detailed approach to working with individuals to explore housing options and starts a process of strategy and action planning – at individual or local planning levels. It also provides essential housing information and knowledge for anyone working with people with learning or physical disabilities, and their families who need support to access suitable housing.

FEATURES

- Finding all options available now and in the future.
- Plan on getting a home in a person centred way.
- Specific details of all that is involved in getting your own home.
- How to make an effective housing application.
- Legislation and rights.
- The course programme is varied to meet the needs of course participants and uses a mix of short presentations, story-telling, games, exercises and video.
- The course will be taught by one of our expert housing consultants and many of the courses will also include sessions presented by people with learning difficulties who have chosen their own home.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Knowledge of why it is important to support people to access mainstream housing choices.
- Ability to support individuals with personal housing planning.
- Will have built a picture of local housing resources (and identified gaps) and started to build a resource pack.
- Will learn how to apply for private and social rented housing and about key features of rented housing and tenancies.
- Knowledge of basic ownership options and issues and opportunities it presents.
- Will listen to stories illustrating each of the main tenure choices.
- Will have awareness of housing rights and how to use these.

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

People looking for detailed knowledge about housing options in different tenures – this could include family members, advocates, support brokers, care and support workers,

care managers, support managers, support commissioners, information and advice workers, housing providers, housing strategy developers.

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OUTLINE PROGRAMME

- Tracking down and mapping the options – existing and planned.
- Personal Housing Planning – what is it and how does it link in with Person Centred Planning.
- Evaluating options - costs, benefits, finance and affordability issues, legal issues, technical issues e.g. adaptations.
- Rented housing – Making an effective housing application, housing needs and support needs, allocations policies: having a voice, transfers and exchanges, right to buy, housing rights, joint tenancies, shared housing.
- Ownership and shared ownership - what, why, when, main issues and how - some stories.
- Action planning.
- Legislation and rights e.g. DDA.
- Housing and support planning.
- Joint working, joint resourcing, joint policies and strategies.

