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Housing Options the independent advice and information service for people with learning disabilities and **Paradigm**, the development, training and consultancy agency, are working together to bring you a series of workshops to share knowledge, information and ideas across the country.

Our commitment is to find ways of bringing people together, to generate energy and skills exchange to ensure people with learning disabilities are supported to achieve greater control over all aspects of their lives.



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To book please email Jeanette Gill using jeanetteg@paradigm-uk.org or telephone **0151 647 1055**

Course title: Benefits and the impact of the current changes.

Changes to Benefits - what will the impact be for people you support and your organisation.

Date: 8th November 2011

Facilitator: Steve Harris

Venue: The CastleGate
Melbourne Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 2JQ
Tel: 0191 233 2288

Cost: £65 per person

Who is the workshop for?

This workshop is for people who are supporting individuals or groups of people who are looking at securing housing and making sure they have enough income to meet all their daily living expenses.



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About the workshop:

We are in a time of major changes to the way our welfare benefit system supports people to access funding that supports them to realise positive choices around getting a life and a home of their own.

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This workshop will provide an overview of all the applicable changes and proposals and look at their actual and likely impact on people who are looking for somewhere to live and working out how they can afford to pay their bills and get a life.

What will you gain from the workshop?

- An understanding of the current welfare benefit system as it relates to housing and daily living costs.
- An understanding of changes that have taken place and are on the way, along with the chance to assess their impact on individuals and groups.
- Maximising opportunities for improving choice and control for individuals or groups who are looking for housing, care and support.

Course title: Community Support Brokerage

Date: 2nd December 2011

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Course title: What Housing Options?

First part of a two-day course.

Housing Options planning
(Planning Housing with People)

Working with individuals and their supporters to find housing solutions that work for them.

Date: 14th March 2012

Facilitator: Alicia Wood

Venue: The Bond Company
180-182 Fazeley Street
Digbeth
Birmingham
B5 5SE
Telephone 0121 766 7400

Cost: £60 per person (if attending both days) or £65 if attending this day only.

Who is the workshop for?

This workshop is for housing and support providers, care managers and social workers, advocacy and advice organisations.

Second part of the course.

Date: 27th March 2012

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Please note: Whilst we would recommend you attend both days to gain the maximum benefit, both parts of the course work well as stand-alone workshops.

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About the workshop:

This is the first of a two part course that looks at how best to support people with learning disabilities get somewhere to live and the support that is right for them.

Day one is about getting a place to live and includes; person centred approaches to planning housing, the choices available, the practical steps to getting housing and an outline on the various welfare benefits, funding sources and rights work to support people to get a home of their own.

What will you gain from the workshop?

Attendees will have a clear overview of the housing options available to people with learning disabilities and related issues with funding, benefits and rights to housing.

Attendees will given a practical process for planning housing that works for the individuals they are working with.



Course title: Individual Service Design

Housing Options planning
(Planning Housing with People)

Working with individuals and their supporters to find housing solutions that work for them.

Second part of a two-day course.

Date: 27th March 2012

Facilitators: Sally Warren and Kate Fulton

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About the workshop:

Designed for support staff this practical, experiential course develops people skills to facilitate the Individual Service Design process.

What will you gain from the workshop?

- An understanding of the fundamental importance of a person centred approach in designing future support alongside people and families
- Through practical experience an understanding of how to facilitate an Individual Service Design process and an understanding of how to cost the design.
- a FREE copy of our Individual Service Design book.

Course title: Rights Handbook (in terms of housing, support, own life, mental capacity)

*Know Your Rights -
How the Law helps.*

Date: 29th February 2012

Facilitator: Andrew Young

Venue: London, address to be confirmed.

Cost: £65 per person

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This workshop is for paid and unpaid carers, social workers, advocates and anyone with an interest in promoting the rights of people with learning disabilities. It is for anyone who wants to know what the law says and how it can help people.

About the workshop:

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Course title: Figuring out how to develop alternatives to paid support

Date: 23rd May 2012

Facilitator: Sally Warren

Venue: London, address to be confirmed.

Cost: £65 per person

Who is the workshop for?

This workshop is for people who recognise the need to take time out to think more deeply and to engage in discussion on how to do things differently.



About the workshop:

Collectively, as we face the harsh reality of reducing funding with increasing numbers of people requiring support, we need to work together to figure out how to stay true to our values and strive to provide individually designed, truly personalised support.

We suggest there has been a tendency to over support people, and the creation of models that have inadvertently built barriers rather than bridges to community life.

Many of the current models of providing services are neither sustainable financially, nor are they particularly desirable or successful in helping people get a life.

There is a risk that simple, ill thought out and hasty solutions will emerge. Our aim is to prevent their implementation by coming up with appealing and well thought out alternatives.

What will you gain from the workshop?

- Develop skills in relation to 'finding what's out there' in the community.
- An introduction to Individual Service Design to truly personalise support.
- A chance to develop some ideas for local action and tangible ideas for moving forward.
- A free copy of the *All Together Now* report.

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Course title: Changing practice from residential care to supported living models.

First part of a two-day course.

How will individual staff and organisations deliver new ways of supporting people in shared accommodation?

Date: 15th February 2012

Facilitator: Amanda Johnson

Venue: Kent, address to be confirmed.

Cost: £60 per person

Who is the workshop for?

This workshop is for people who work in or manage registered residential care services who will be supporting people into tenancies and a variety of 'supported living' models of accommodation and support.

This is an ideal opportunity for providers of small and large provider organisations to share their own experiences and learn about best practice models from across the country.

Second part of the course.

Date: 1st March 2012

Facilitator: Claire Winfield

Venue: Kent, address to be confirmed.

Cost: £60 per person

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About the workshop:

Many people with learning disabilities are living in Residential Care homes and would welcome the opportunity to have a tenancy and choose where they live, who supports them and who they live with.

For some people this will continue to be in the same place as they live now, for others it will be a complete change.

The workshop will introduce people to the dilemmas facing individuals and organisations in changing the way they provide support and accommodation for people, and outline some of the options and best practice.

What will you gain from the workshop?

- A chance to hear from Housing Options about how their members are working to deliver change.
- A practical step by step guide to some of the key changes and challenges.
- A chance to focus on the impact of this change on the people you support and their families.
- A chance to develop some ideas for local action in your own organisation and tangible ideas for moving forward.
- An opportunity to renew or establish links with colleagues sharing similar challenges.

Course title: Community Support Brokerage

Date: 25th April 2012

Facilitator: Kate Fulton

Venue: Bristol, address to be confirmed.

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