



KIDS COMPANY

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

Therapeutic Communication Skills for Work with Children

Validated by London Metropolitan University*



Who is this course for?

This Professional Development Certificate, validated by the London Metropolitan University, has been designed specifically to enhance the quality of creative and relational approaches to working with children and young people.

This course will disseminate the theory and philosophy of emotional literacy and therapeutic communication to increase the outcomes of interventions with children in health, education, social care, private and voluntary sectors.

Anyone who is currently working with children is eligible to apply. No formal experience of further or higher education is required. Kids Company can provide the opportunity for voluntary placements if you have a skill or intervention you would like to share. You can join our team of mentors, offer learning support to a child, or offer a lunchtime /after school club.

This course is also suitable for therapists, social care workers, classroom assistants, teachers, youth workers and anyone who would like to have more specialist up to date education about emotional literacy, as well as creative and relational approaches to working with children.

Overall Aims and Outcomes of the Course

Kids Company's approach empowers children to become emotionally literate and self-responsible people, so that they can fully integrate into society and have a quality of life that is meaningful to them.

Kids Company has evidenced that positive change is possible through genuine and consistent relationships. Students will discover the value of creative and relational approaches, adapting and applying therapeutic thinking into their practice. They will be supported to develop personally and professionally towards safeguarding children and young people, as well as inspiring their imagination, motivation and human potential. The course will ensure that students are fit for purpose to work safely and effectively.

Small and ongoing tutor groups take place every weekend to support students in the overall application of knowledge and experience through reflective practice.

Course Content

The course is structured into three modules:

Module One Principles of Professional Practice

This module covers child protection procedures and the child centred holistic approach as exemplified by Kids Company. It promotes inter-disciplinary practice and the 'team around the child' with a unique synthesis of therapeutic and social work values and principles.

Module Two Applied Therapeutic Thinking

This module introduces some fundamental theoretical frameworks which are central to emotional literacy, including neuro-scientific perspectives, attachment theory and behaviour management. This module shares influence from psychodynamic, family/systemic, cognitive/behavioural and integrative/humanistic perspectives.

Module Three Creative and Relational Skills

This module provides a wide range of skills based in experiential teaching and learning strategies in order to promote the application of creative and relational approaches in action. It provides workshops to experiment with and discover the value of creative, expressive and emotionally literate therapeutic communication.



Teaching

Course Tutors

There is a core staff team of 12 tutors who have considerable knowledge, experience and expertise in working with children and young people. All tutors are qualified psychotherapists or social workers with a background in arts therapies.

Course Director

Jocelyne Quennell is the Clinical Director of Kids Company's Schools Programme and is the former Principle of The Institute for Arts in Therapy and Education. She has a wealth of experience as a clinician and supervisor and has been training and educating creative therapists for 20 years.

Location and Contact

The course is delivered over 9 weekends at Kids Company's headquarters in Southwark, London, over three academic terms.

Contact: email: training@kidsco.org.uk
or phone: 0207 202 2700 ext 236

Course Dates 2010-2011

15-16	January	2011
5-6	February	2011
5-6	March	2011
7-8	May	2011
4-5	June	2011
2-3	July	2011
1-2	October	2011
5-6	November	2011
3-4	December	2011

Application Process

Contact Kids Company to request an application form.

Course interviews will take place on: 11th September, 30th October and 4th December 2010. These will involve an experiential group component in the morning and small group or individual interviews in the afternoon. Questions will be answered by the Course Director on the day.

Apply early, as places on the course are limited.



Assessments

All assessments are oral and/or practical and integral to the teaching and learning process. One additional assessment will include an online child protection exam which is simple and accessible and a requirement for all staff working with children or young people at Kids Company.

Career Opportunities

This professional development certificate provides 45 University credits and will enhance the prospects of anyone interested in further training in psychological therapies or caring, professional work with children.

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