

# TRAINING WORKSHOPS 2009

## Do you think adoptive parenting is **easy**?

We think it's endlessly challenging, utterly rewarding and every now and again, a little bit of outside help can make all the difference. That's why we created the Open Workshops. They won't give you any easy answers, but they will help you to understand your child, offering some strategies, surrounded by people who know what you are going through.

**ALL OF OUR TRAINING IS DELIVERED BY ADOPTIONUK TRAINERS, WHO ARE ALSO EXPERIENCED ADOPTIVE PARENTS.**

### SCHOOL & EDUCATION

*This workshop examines issues that may arise for adoptive parents, foster carers and schools as a result of the effects of separation, loss and trauma on the child. Participants will look at ways in which social and emotional difficulties may be the underlying causes of behavioural problems, and may in turn lead to learning difficulties.*

Bristol  
25 April  
Wrexham  
16 May

### CONTACT AND THE ADOPTED CHILD

*This workshop gives participants the opportunity to reflect on the purpose of contact with the birth family and what it means for them and their children. The different forms of contact are explored, practical ideas are shared on how contact can be supported and improved. A key theme is the importance of identity and how contact can support its development.*

Southampton  
9 May

### TELLING ABOUT ADOPTION – Life Story Work

*Life story issues affect every single adoptive family, and a child's history and development can be crucially linked to their identity and self-esteem. This workshop explores practicalities, resource and potential difficulties involved in life story work, and helps you to form strategies appropriate to your child's age and circumstance.*

London  
6 June

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Supporting adoptive families  
before, during and after adoption

Thanks to both Children in Need and the Welsh Assembly for their generous funding, we can now offer the opportunity of attending our open workshops for **under half price**:

	<b>AUK member</b>	<b>Non AUK Member</b>
<b>One Day</b>	<b>£ 40.25</b>	<b>£ 51.75</b>
<b>Two Day</b>	<b>£ 80.05</b>	<b>£ 103.50</b>

All Prices are per person and **inclusive of the new 15% VAT**  
Price includes; refreshments, light lunch and workshop materials.

**For parents in receipt of certain state benefits, we operate a Bursary scheme with further reductions on the above prices.**