

How to build relationships and communicate effectively with children and young people

Friday 13th March 2020, 9:00am – 3:00pm, Ashmount School, Loughborough

To get the most from children and young people, academically and emotionally, it is crucial to demonstrate understanding, respect and honesty. This develops via positive relationships and open communication involving active listening, questioning, understanding and responding effectively.

Communication also needs to be age/ stage-appropriate, inclusive and positive in order to build the self-esteem and confidence of the children and young people we work with.

This course will develop your knowledge, understanding, skills and confidence to communicate effectively with children and young people and to develop reciprocal, trusting relationships with them.

Who should attend?

- Learning support assistants, classroom assistants, SEND support teachers/ assistants, SENCO's/ trainee SENCO's and pastoral support staff and managers.

Participants will learn:

- how communication skills develop from birth to adulthood
- about the barriers to effective communication with children and young people
- about effective verbal and non-verbal communication and the importance of active listening
- how to build relationships with children and young people, particularly those who are 'hard to reach'
- how to use the resource pack (provided) to support their work with children and young people

About the course leader

Cathi McKillop has a bachelor of education honours degree and a postgraduate certificate in Child and Adolescent Mental Health. Cathi has worked in schools and colleges for 18 years and spent 12 years working for the Educational Psychology Service in Leicestershire.

Cathi specialises in therapeutic work with children and young people. She also offers practical advice to their teachers and parents so that they can support the child effectively too.

She provides coaching and mentoring for school staff who may be finding classroom/behaviour management difficult.

Ways to book

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£95 (members)
£120 (non-members)