

Training Through Theatre for Student Social Workers

ABOUT FUTURES

Futures Theatre, established in 1992, has been running extensive training courses for student social workers since 2003, which have been developed in partnership with the School of Health and Social Care, Greenwich University.

"Such a well planned and fit for purpose day - thank you and the team for all your work"
Senior Lecturer, Greenwich University

TRAINING AIMS

Our training aims are to develop and enhance the practice skills of students by creating opportunities for them to experience complex interactions in a realistic but safe and supportive environment.

Futures use theatre techniques to help participants to:

- Develop their interpersonal and communication skills
- Rehearse working with and interviewing service users in emotionally charged situations in a professional manner
- Develop reflective, culturally sensitive and effective practice

"It took us out of our comfort zone, but we were safe."

CONTENT

- Preparatory exercises
- Interactive forum theatre scenarios (see scenarios): Based on real case studies and situations that social workers may face, where participants work with actors to resolve real-life issues
- Group debates: Reflecting on the interactive forum theatre, sharing ideas and advice

All content is supervised and monitored by trained theatre facilitators.

"It's the best thing I've done on my degree."

WHO IS THE PROGRAMME SUITABLE FOR?

- Universities providing social work and health care training courses at BA/MA and post-grad level



SCENARIOS

The scenarios we have delivered with student social workers include:

- Home visits: Dealing with manipulative behaviour
 - Dealing with aggression
 - Recognising and assessing risk (adult and child safeguarding)
- Communicating with children and young people
- Engaging with service users living with domestic abuse
- Giving and receiving effective supervision
- Working effectively in multi agency groups and team meetings
- Court room dynamics and giving persuasive evidence
- Working with unaccompanied and traumatised minors

PACKAGE DETAILS

Half Day Training (Within London)

Time Required: 3 - 4 hours
Numbers: Up to 30 participants
Cost: £2,000

What's included:

- 1 meeting prior to training
- Script development and writing
- Administration
- Rehearsal time

- 4 x actors / facilitators
- 2 x forum theatre scenes
- Group discussion and reflection
- Evaluation

REQUIREMENTS & SPACE

Futures will require:

- A minimum working space of 4m by 3m, plus enough space for participants to comfortably move around in
- Chairs for participants
- Electricity plug sockets

ADDITIONS

Futures can offer the following for additional fees:

- Bespoke scenes to explore specific issues
- Further meetings
- Training available outside of London
- Facilitation of full day conferences
- Full day training sessions
- Sessions held at our base in Waterloo for a maximum of 15 people

TESTIMONIALS

Futures Theatre has worked with Brunel, Greenwich, Goldsmiths, Royal Holloway, Southbank and Sussex Universities, delivering training for student social workers. References are available on request.

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