



WORKSHOP BOOKING FORM

Court Skills for Practitioners - *Making sure you are heard and listened to*

THEME

A vital aspect of a social worker's role is appearing in court. Your evidence helps to establish facts in children's hearings and child protection proceedings, and in adoption and permanence applications. This course equips the practitioner with the skills and confidence needed to support the sheriff in making the decision which serves the best interests of the child. All aspects will be examined in the context of practice, knowledge and experience within the legal framework.

The workshop will be led by Rhona Pollock, solicitor and former reporter to the children's panel who has many years' court practice experience.

The workshop will look at:

- Marshalling information held in case files prior to appearing in court
- The rules of evidence and court procedure
- Dealing with examination in chief and with cross examination by the parents' agents
- Coping with the expected and unexpected
- Presentation in Court
- Using case studies to practice court skills

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Gain a greater understanding of the duties and responsibilities of practitioners in respect of the child, their parents and the law.
- Explore how practitioners' practice prior to Court appearance supports effective court presentation.
- Organising case files so that information is readily available prior to appearing.
- Familiarisation with the court process, the personnel and workings of the court.
- Preparing the child and family for court.
- Considering the rules of procedure and timescales involved in court.
- Referring to written information, case knowledge and direct observation when giving evidence.
- Explaining social work policy and practice, research and experience for the court to understand actions, recommendations and planning.
- Effectively dealing with questioning by solicitors and the sheriff.
- Moving forward with the family during and after the court case.

Date: Thursday 11 May, 2017

Venue: Glasgow (to be confirmed)

Cost: £110.00

Times: Registration: 9.30am
Start: 10.00am
Close: 4.00pm

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CANCELLATION POLICY

After receipt of written confirmation of place allocated	25% of fee
Cancellation between two and four weeks prior to the date	50% of fee
Cancellation between one week and two weeks prior to the date	75% of fee
Cancellation within one week of the date	100% of fee

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