

# 'Relative Matters': Good Practice in Permanence Planning in Kinship Care



Adoption & Fostering Alliance Scotland

This unique course is aimed at social workers and managers in children and families' teams, family placement teams as well as other specialist settings across the statutory, voluntary and independent sector. Applicants will require the support of their employer to attend as well as validate their work. It is imperative that sponsoring agencies ensure their nominated students have the motivation, capacity and commitment to complete the course.

The course will be delivered alongside the validation process from Strathclyde University at MSc Level 11 and once validated will attract an award of 60 credits (*postgraduate certificate*) which can be taken forward to further study. Agencies will need to be confident that their nominated student can study at master's level.

The introductory session for students and their managers will be on the **3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**. The course requires attendance at three taught modules of three consecutive days per module between June 2019 and October 2019. Assessment will be based on assignments as well as a 'training for trainers' assessment. Comprehensive feedback is available to students. A student handbook will provide all the required information.

## Course description

### **Module One: The Kinship Care Context in Scotland**

Focuses on historical and international perspectives as well as the child protection context. All relevant legal and policy areas will be considered alongside the ethical considerations in this area of practice. This module explores how outcomes in kinship care can be assessed.

### **Module Two: The Child in Kinship Care**

Covers the meaning of kinship care, children's needs and characteristics as well as exploring often contentious and complex areas such as contact and the placement of siblings. This module will further consider children's identity.

### **Module Three: Assessing and Supporting Kinship Carers**

Considers the preparation and assessment of kinship carers including the use of risk assessments. The focus will move onto different approval and support factors. The voice of kinship carers will be a core theme. A training for trainers' input will complete this module.

<u>Course dates</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Module One: 10,11 & 12 June 2019	Edinburgh	£2,745 + VAT = <u>£3294.00</u>
Module Two: 19, 20 & 21 August 2019		
Module Three: 28, 29 & 30 October 2019		

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