



Locations and Placements Training

Training course outline

About this course: This course was codesigned by, and is coproduced with, care experienced young people at Brent Care Journeys (BCJ). BCJ is a strategic alliance between Barnardo's and Brent Local Authority which seeks to achieve systemic change for young people who are looked after and leaving care. To find out more about BCJ see our website www.weshinebright.co.uk

'Locations and Placements' is the result of a collegiate working approach between people with different types of expertise. BCJ's integrated team works according to principles of power sharing, distributary leadership, inclusion, a priority for learning and a belief that relationships are pivotal to achieving change at all levels.

This course supports learning through a range of delivery styles and methods which include small and whole group activities, visual and interactive presentations, qualitative data analysis and audio prompted reflections.

The course will be delivered by 3-4 care experienced young people but is the work of 11 collaborators.

Course aim: To equip all stakeholders (who have a role before, during or after the 'placement' of looked after young people) with first hand insight of what young people need and value from semi-independent accommodation. Stakeholders are varied but include those

concerned with operational direct work, system management, strategic oversight or policy level.

Course objectives:

1. To explore what makes a good enough 'placement' (*home*) in terms of the location and specification of the property.
2. To consider the needs, hopes and risk factors for real (but anonymised) 16 year olds at the point of 'placement'.
3. To challenge assumptions, biases and risks of desensitisation which can occur in busy and demanding working environments.