

Training

Training can be carried out at your premises, at a time that suits you for example twilight sessions, Saturday mornings as well as during school time. Sessions can be short and spread out or delivered as a half or full day. Numbers are only limited by the size of room, facilitating schools coming together with the opportunity to network.

Indicative pricing

- Half day session (3 hours) attachment awareness: £350.
- Full day session (6 hours) developmental trauma and attachment awareness: £600.
- Attachment Ambassador model of good practice: prices starting from £2,400 (including membership of Adoption UK, three x half day training workshops, practitioner’s enquiry report, attachment ambassador role information, resources and ongoing support opportunities).
- Courses can be developed/adapted to suit your school’s particular needs. Please contact us to discuss what would suit you best.

How much does it cost to join?

The one, two and three year school membership prices (exclusive of VAT) are:

- One year membership £225
- Two year membership £400
(10% discount)
- Three year membership £540
(20% discount)

Pay by Direct Debit and receive a £5 discount on the cost of your membership.

Feedback from previous training courses:

“I can see how I would handle certain situations - and children - more effectively”.

“Trainer was excellent - very honest, practical and knowledgeable”.

“I have found the training I have attended very beneficial in gaining ideas on strategies I can implement”.

“Very useful and can put ideas into practice for whole class/all children”.

“I have found it useful, helping to simplify an approach - giving me a ‘bag of tricks”.

“I found it really useful..(to) deepen my understanding of effect of trauma on children, and how to support”.

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Attachment Awareness in Education

Customised Training for Primary and Secondary Schools

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for every adoptive family
in Scotland

Why is this important?

Adoption UK in Scotland is collaborating with parents, educational psychologists, headteachers, teachers and school staff members to make every school in Scotland attachment aware. The aim is to provide all school leaders and teachers with knowledge, practical strategies, access to training and a network of support through Adoption UK in Scotland's school membership programme.

One in ten children has suffered some form of neglect in their short life. That could mean that as many as three children in every classroom are trying to cope with attachment-related issues. And, of course, many more will have experienced loss as the result of death, divorce, poverty or becoming a refugee.

The situation with adopted children today is very different from what it was thirty years ago. For example, many will have come from a background of abuse and/or neglect and may have experienced many moves through the care system as looked after children. Their needs do not change the moment they are adopted.

Looked after¹ children's attainment in school is significantly lower than other students. The most recent government statistics show a 12% difference at the lowest qualification level (level 3 SCQF) but at the higher levels, three in five of all leavers (60 %) have at least one qualification at level 6 or better compared with fewer than one in ten looked after leavers (8 %). The rate of **exclusions** among looked after children is much higher than in the general school population (218 cases per 1,000 looked after pupils, compared to 27 per 1,000 in the general school population)².

¹ Data is not collected for adopted children, but information from our Helpline supports the view that adopted children's experience is similar to that of Looked After children)

² Education Outcomes for Looked After Children 2014/15 - Scottish Government)

"Schools and other education providers should ensure that all staff who may come into contact with children and young people with attachment difficulties receive appropriate training on attachment difficulties."

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Who are we and what do we do?

Adoption UK in Scotland is the only completely independent adoption support charity in the country, providing awareness and understanding for those parenting or supporting children who cannot live with their birth parents. Our parent organisation, AdoptionUK is consistently rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted and we can help headteachers demonstrate to HMI that they are following the principles of Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC).

We know that children with attachment issues are capable of causing significant disruption and that they do not often respond to the traditional methods of sanction and reward. Their ability to learn is inhibited and they can have a negative impact on those around them.

Adoption UK in Scotland can supply schools with practical strategies to improve their children's well-being and chances of fulfilling their academic potential. This, in turn, is likely to create classrooms that are calmer and more productive.

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How can we help you?

Training and resources

- Discounts on Adoption UK in Scotland's training courses
- A directory of other recommended training providers (with discounts for members)
- Access to a library of specialist publications

Guidance

- Guidance on writing Individual Educational Programmes for adopted children
- A range of free publications
- Access to lists of recommended resources

Awareness-raising

- Contribute to our education blog on the Adoption UK in Scotland website and share best practice on our dedicated education forum
- Promotion of attachment-related issues through our press releases, articles and broadcast interviews

Influencing

- Work with us to form stronger relationships between headteachers, support for learning teachers and parents

"I found it really useful...realising that strategies for adopted children can really benefit all children i.e. positive language, acknowledging it's the behaviour we don't like - not the child".