

Councillor development

Total Respect

Date(s)	Time(s)	Venue(s)
Thursday 2 June 2011	9.00am to 4.00pm	Committee Room 3, County Hall

Target audience: All Councillors as Corporate Parents to Wiltshire's Looked After Children and Young People.

Booking Deadline: Friday 20 May 2011

Introduction

This course has recently been condensed to a one day version in order for all Wiltshire Councillors to be able to attend. The course seeks to develop knowledge and understanding of young people's views, rights and issues, and is aimed at improving individual practice and producing strategic recommendations to improve the quality of care for Looked after Children and Young People.

Aims

This training aims to cover most aspects of children's and young people's lives in care, but specifically focuses on:

- The impact of the care system on children & young people.
- Children's and young people's participation in individual care planning
- Making sure children and young people are taken seriously when they make complaints or allegations of abuse or poor practice.
- Children's and young people's participation in local authority policy and service development

Objectives

Total Respect is a different kind of training course, based on the principles set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by the UK Government in December 1991. It is run in partnership between young care-experienced trainers and adult trainers. It is not about tokenism and just 'listening', it is about thinking, experiencing and changing practice at all levels of the local authority. While governments have the responsibility to promote and implement the Convention, all public bodies and agencies working with and for children have a responsibility to ensure it is known and respected.

Proposed Training Schedule

9.30 start **Introductions**

What Total Respects is and what it isn't
Ground rules

Warm up exercise

Jargon buster

Language that professionals use and how we communicate

Dear Director

Scenario about a serious complaint received from a young person

Break

No place like home

Managing changing situations

So you think you know me?

Lunch

I Believe

Opportunity to talk about various perspectives

What do you know?

An opportunity for Elected Members to think about what things they should be aware of for Looked After Children/Young People living in care

Give and Take

Limits/boundaries, negotiation with young people

Break

Putting Children's rights first

The impacts that policies have on young people

Evaluations and pledges

4.30

Close

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