

Disability Awareness

Aim

To enable participants to develop their understanding of people with Disabilities, and improve their communication and working practices.

By the end of this session, participants will:

- Feel more confident about working with people with disabilities
- Be able to identify the main types of disabilities
- Know the essentials of the law as it applies to people with disabilities
- Understand their own role and responsibilities in working with these groups of people
- Know where to go for help & advice

Time

10.00 am – 4.30 pm

Course Content

- What do we mean by 'Disability'
- Disability - the historical perspective
- Different types of disability eg. Cerebral palsy, learning disabilities, Down's Syndrome, visual impairments, hearing Impairments, Epilepsy Autism and Asperger's Syndrome (*topics for inclusion to be discussed with client*)
- Working with people with disabilities - why our attitude really matters, language
- Disability and the law - what you need to know about the Disability Discrimination Act and/or the Special Educational Needs & Disability Act - what are 'reasonable adjustments'?
- Assistive technology - a brief overview
- Food for thought - general and unique differences
- Where to go for further information

Training Methods

Variety of pair and small group work; general discussions; quizzes; case studies; videos; role-plays; and a limited amount of lecturing.

Prices are inclusive all materials (certificates and handouts), lunches and refreshments.