

Training for Practitioners Supporting Young People in Wales

September 2010 - March 2011



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Introduction

Children in Wales is a joint sponsor in the Reach the Heights project which supports young people to gain skills for learning and employment through work experience and community-based opportunities.

We have developed a number of training courses, funded through the European Social Fund (ESF) Convergence Programme 2007-13, and are pleased to offer FREE places to practitioners who work solely or predominantly in the Convergence region for West Wales and the Valleys (ie, Anglesey, Conwy, Denbighshire, Gwynedd, Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Merthyr Tydfil, Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Torfaen). Similar courses may be available for those working in other areas of Wales, therefore, please contact Children in Wales for further details on 029 2034 2434.

Please note that Children in Wales may ask for evidence that you work in the Convergence region, particularly if you work Wales-wide.

Making a Booking

Registration is on a first come first served basis and places are limited, so early booking is advisable.

Only one member of staff per organisation may attend.

To avoid disappointment on the day, please ensure that you receive confirmation of your place before setting out for the venue, and bring a copy of your confirmation email with you.

Children in Wales may wish to contact you in the future to further evaluate the impact of the course that you have attended.

Cancellations

Cancellations can only be accepted in writing. Delegates who fail to arrive for the course will be charged a £50 fee to cover expenses incurred. Substitutions can be made. Children in Wales reserve the right to alter event programmes at any time.

Whose voice is this?

Assuring the Participation of Disabled Young People

The right to a voice in all proceedings that affect one's life is guaranteed to children and young people by national and international legislation. By exercising this right to self determination, young people develop autonomy, independence and understanding. This is of critical importance to disabled young people who may be disempowered by the medical model of disability. More often than not, we neglect to include those who are disabled as we do not have the understanding, skills or the confidence to communicate. This course considers the barriers that disabled young people face in putting forward their wishes and views, and then the solutions, skills and strategies we can employ to assure their voices are heard.



The course will include:

- An understanding of the legislation and guidance informing good practice
- An insight into the challenges and the solutions to involving disabled children and young people in consultation
- The promotion of the ethos and practice of Total Communication
- Developing confidence in consulting with disabled young people by exploring a range of successful strategies, tools and skills
- A reflection of the dilemmas and obstacles in advocacy work with this group of young people
- Identifying the rights of this group of children and young people, thus increasing opportunities for them to access support services, develop skills and achieve improved outcomes and well-being

Date	8 th October 2010
Venue	Carmarthen
Cost	FREE

21st Century Digital/Web/Life Skills - A Programme for Professionals Supporting Youth NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)

A one-day course facilitated by WISE KIDS

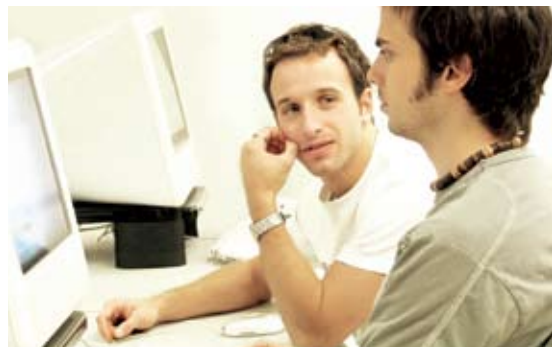
Internet and web technologies have evolved tremendously over the last five years, and today we live in what Internet Technologists call a Web 2.0 era. Web 2.0 services put users at the centre of content creation – whether this is in the form of Blogs, Wikis, YouTube videos, Flickr photos, Amazon reviews or more. Similarly, users are being offered countless ways in which to keep up-to-date with developments, from using RSS Feeds to Social Bookmarking services. This, coupled with developments in Social Media services like Facebook and Twitter, mean that youth and professionals today have access to an unprecedented set of tools and services which allow them to create and manage rich multimedia content, search and connect with like-minded peer groups, access educational content and services, access specialised communities and resources, collaborate and network.

This participative course for professionals, who work with Youth NEET and others, will focus on helping participants better understand and use Web/Internet and Digital Services effectively. It will explore some of the key digital literacy skills needed by youth today, to help them be digitally included and engaged 21st century citizens and workers. It will also address some of the key challenges presented by the social and mobile web, including issues of managing digital identities, online reputation and the blurring of personal and professional boundaries.

The course will include:

- How the Internet and web technologies have evolved and are evolving
- New ways of creating content and collaborating online
- New ways of searching and organising content from the Internet
- How to keep up-to-date with new developments
- How to discover new information and network effectively
- Information Literacy challenges and skills for the 21st Century

Date	28 th September 2010
Venue	Bethesda
Cost	FREE



Managing Challenging Behaviour

A one-day course facilitated by Portal Training

This course is designed for anyone working with young people, in particular those aged between 14 and 19 years, and its overall aim is to develop participants' confidence in dealing with those who display challenging behaviour.

The course will identify the varied reasons young people display this type of behaviour, and will have a strong focus on preventing it occurring in the first place. Participants will be provided with the skills and tools that have a proven track record of reducing challenging behaviour.

The course will include:

- Providing participants with skills and tools that will prevent challenging behaviour occurring in the first instance
- Providing tutors with skills and tools to deal with and resolve situations of conflict
- Raising participants' awareness of the importance of 'Praise and Body Language'
- Providing participants with strategies to manage extremely challenging behaviour, and how to distance themselves from potentially violent situations
- Allowing participants the opportunity to discuss their experiences of managing challenging behaviour and to share best practice

Dates	2 nd November 2010 & 22 nd February 2011
Venues	Caernarfon & Swansea
Cost	FREE

Motivating & Engaging Youth NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)

A one-day course facilitated by Portal Training

This course is designed for front-line staff working directly with NEET young people in Wales. The overall aim is to identify the reasons for the young person being NEET, and to provide participants with tools and strategies that will re-engage the young person and increase their chances of sustaining education, employment or training.

Participants will investigate the importance of pro-social modelling and how our own behaviour can motivate NEET young people. Participants will also reflect on their current work and how this can be best developed.

The course will include:

- Allowing participants to identify the barriers faced by NEET young people and how they can support them in their transition into sustained education, employment or training
- Providing participants with practical skills and tools to improve the motivation of NEET young people
- Demonstrating the importance of our own behaviour in motivating NEET young people
- Raising awareness of pro-social modelling (being a role model)
- The importance of creative and engaging basic skills provision
- Demonstrating the importance of developing resources to meet the young person's learning style
- Demonstrating the importance of designing and implementing flexible provision, and linking with community-based projects

Dates	7 th October & 8 th December 2010 & 13 th January 2011
Venues	Lampeter, Caernarfon & Resolven
Cost	FREE



ESF TRAINING COURSE BOOKING FORM

Please complete and return the form to:

Children in Wales, 25 Windsor Place, Cardiff CF10 3BZ T: 029 2034 2434 F: 029 2034 3134

TRAINING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION

Please read the eligibility criteria and terms and conditions overleaf before completing this form. Please then complete the form in full and all future communication will be by email.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Title	First Name	Surname
Position	Organisation	
Address		
Town	County	Postcode
Telephone	Email	
Dietary requirements, eg, vegetarian, gluten free?	Access requirements, eg, wheelchair access?	Communication requirements, eg, induction loop, interpreter etc?
If part of the event were to be spoken through the medium of Welsh, would you require translation equipment?		
Please tick if you do not wish to receive information about future Children in Wales' events		
I work in the following Convergence region(s):		
Signature: Please note that we may ask you for evidence that you work in a Convergence region, particularly if you work Wales-wide	Signed: Date:	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND - ELIGIBILITY

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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- Children in Wales may wish to contact you in the future to further evaluate the impact of this course

Please tick if you give consent for your details to be passed on to the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) for monitoring purposes

Details received by Children in Wales will be held securely by Children in Wales for the life time of the programme and will be used for research and monitoring purposes. At the end of the programme details will be destroyed. We will not pass any detail on to any other parties.

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