



## **Disability Awareness Training 2017/18:**

**Raising awareness of disability and its impact on the lives of those affected and their families.**

**For professionals and support staff working with disabled people; employers and other public and private service providers.**



# Introduction



**Families United Network (FUN)** was established as an independent charity in 2002 by a group of parents needing support and services for their children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). FUN has been providing advice, support and services to SEND children, young people and their families living in Bedfordshire for 13 years. FUN is the largest pan-disability charity within Bedfordshire and supports children and young adults living with many different types of physical and/or learning disabilities.

**The Equality Act 2010** protects disabled people from discrimination and requires organisations of all kinds to make reasonable adjustments to their premises, policies and practices to ensure that their services are accessible to all.

Our **Disability Awareness Training** provides a general introduction to disability, with a strong emphasis on real life experiences and solutions. All of our training is delivered by parents of disabled children and young people who can offer first hand experience of what it is like to access educational, health and other services whilst living with a disability; both from the perspective of the disabled person themselves and their family members and carers.





## Our **Disability Awareness Training** aims to:

- Provide an initial introduction to disability in general and its impact on the lives of those living with additional needs and disabilities and their families.
- Explain the main types of disability and the many elements of diagnoses, and how they can collectively affect the day to day lives of children and young people.
- Change attitudes towards disability by giving real-life examples and a first-hand perspective on the lives of disabled people and their families.
- Provide insight into what 'Equality' and 'Access' really mean to disabled people, and how these can genuinely be achieved.
- Explain how to communicate effectively with disabled people and their families and carers; to inform change and so enhance good practice.
- Offer practical ideas and solutions to promote inclusive practice within schools, colleges, leisure providers, community services and other organisations.
- All of our training is delivered by parents and carers of disabled children or adults, who have first-hand knowledge and experience of the challenges and rewards of living with disability.

# Training Outcomes



## What Are the Expected Outcomes?

The Disability Awareness training has been designed to include real experiences that families with disabled children encounter on a daily basis. By providing real-life examples of the issues affecting people with disabilities and their families, it is hoped that after the training, people working with them will..

- demonstrate a better understanding of the different types of additional need and disability
- show more empathy towards families, having a better insight into what living with disability really means
- have a fuller understanding of how to be a more inclusive organisation
- be better prepared when introducing disabled children and young people into the organisation
- be better prepared to make adjustments to the physical environment
- communicate more effectively with staff and parents/carers about all issues relating to the children's care
- be more pro-active in planning for continuing professional development amongst staff
- be more confident in their ability to provide for the needs of children and adults with disabilities.

# Course Information



Course Length: 3 hours

Number of delegates: 24 maximum

Course Content:

- What is disability?
- How does a disability impact on a person's life?
- The Equality Act 2010 and 'reasonable adjustments'
- Overview of common disabilities
- Strategies for successful inclusion
- Terminology
- Communicating successfully with disabled people and those who care for them.
- Signposting to other services

Cost per delegate: £60  
reduced to £30 for registered charities

Cost per private training session: £600  
Reduced to £400 for registered charities  
Up to 24 delegates per session  
(based on venue and refreshments being provided by the client)

# Forthcoming Dates



## Training Schedule 2017/18:

- Date: Wednesday February 22nd 2017**  
**Venue: Families United Network, Unit 5 Britannia Estates, Leagrave Road, Luton LU3 1RJ**  
**Time: 10am – 1pm**
- Date: Friday April 21st 2017**  
**Venue: Families United Network, Unit 5 Britannia Estates, Leagrave Road, Luton LU3 1RJ**  
**Time: 10am – 1pm**
- Date: Thursday June 29th 2017**  
**Venue: Families United Network, Unit 5 Britannia Estates, Leagrave Road, Luton LU3 1RJ**  
**Time: 10am – 1pm**
- Date: Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**Venue: Families United Network, Unit 5 Britannia Estates, Leagrave Road, Luton LU3 1RJ**  
**Time: 10am – 1pm**

Tea/Coffee and refreshments are provided

# How to find us



## **By Car:**

The entrance to Britannia Estate is located on the B579 Leagrave Road, between the junctions with Tudor Road and Cavendish Road. Drive into Britannia Estate and straight past the security office, following the road as it bears sharply left. Drive all the way through the estate until you see an exit barrier. FUN is located on the left just before this barrier, with parking spaces opposite on the right. For Sat Nav, please use : LU3 1RD

## **By Train:**

Families United Network is located 1.5 miles from Central Luton (LUT) train station.

Luton can be accessed directly by train from Bedford, Harlington, Flitwick, Harpenden, St Albans, Wellingborough, Kettering, Corby and London.

## **By Bus:**

Arriva bus numbers 27 and 28 stop outside the street entrance to Families United Network on Leagrave Road, opposite the junction with Saxon Road. For further details please see their website: [www.arrivabus.co.uk/south-east](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/south-east) or call 0344 800 44 11

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# Make a booking



How to book:

contact us on 01582 420800

or email [info@familiesunitednetwork.org.uk](mailto:info@familiesunitednetwork.org.uk)

Cancellation policy:

A non-refundable deposit of £100 is required to book and secure a private training session.

Individual delegate costs will be invoiced prior to the training session. Cancellations made less than 10 working days before the event can not be refunded.