



Information on Training and Consultancy

DVIP's training programmes are delivered by experienced and knowledgeable trainers from a range of backgrounds including; psychology, counselling and psychotherapy, probation and child protection services. They have a thorough understanding of the DVIP intervention model and in working with victims and perpetrators of gendered violence. Most of our trainers are current practitioners working within DVIP's adult or children's services.

Over the years, we have delivered events to Children's Services teams, Housing Association staff, the Police, health and mental health professionals, therapists, substance misuse workers and youth workers. We are also experienced in delivering events to multi-agency groups.

DVIP's training reflects the organisation's understanding of responsive and motivational interventions: events are therefore designed to be interactive and experiential, using role-play and skills practice exercises together with multi-media input, verbal discussions and a balance of verbal and written activities.

The following courses give an indication of the range of issues that DVIP delivers training around. This is not an exhaustive list of events that can be offered – we are happy to put together bespoke packages of training, workshops or consultancy that will meet your needs. We always consult with those commissioning our training, to ensure we are responsive to the knowledge levels and other needs of the delegate group.

Domestic Violence Risk Assessment and Safety Planning

A two day Introductory /intermediate level course for practitioners in statutory and voluntary sector frontline services

Course content:

Emphasis will be on practising skills and teaching a range of structured interventions designed to increase safety and motivation.

- Risk identification & risk assessment with perpetrators of domestic violence
- Safety planning – minimising risk when working with victims of domestic violence
- Vulnerability assessments & prioritising safety with victim and children
- The impacts of domestic violence on child development & family functioning
- Supporting the non-abusing parent
- Motivational work with perpetrators – challenging the abuse while maintaining a supportive alliance

Working with Perpetrators and Supporting Victims

A five day course offering advanced skills training for practitioners wishing to develop and deliver integrated perpetrator intervention programmes and support services.

Course content:

Participants will gain a theoretical grounding in intimate partner violence as well as engage with reflective and experiential learning, practice and demonstration role plays.

The core principles of perpetrator intervention work

- Understanding domestic violence
- Ethical intervention with perpetrators of domestic violence
- Placing the experience of victims at the centre of the work
- A perpetrator programme in the context of a co-ordinated community response

Working with linked partner services

- Intervention work - the model of linked services
- The aims & objectives of the linked partner services
- Safety planning & risk management
- Genuine and effective communication in an intervention project

Individual work and assessment with perpetrators

- Understanding denial and minimisation
- Motivational work, readiness to change, working with ambivalence
- Risk identification

Group work

- Increasing disclosure, naming the violence
- A functional analysis of violence
- Structured interventions and working with resistance
- Fathering in the context of domestic violence
- Accountability & talking to children responsibly about violence
- Using drama, role play and re-enactments
- Sexual violence, abuse & respect with perpetrators
- Techniques for developing empathy
- Compassion with-out collusion – working with the men own abuse
- A reparative group process – shame and envy
- Practice group work

Linked Women's Services

A three day advanced course in integrated support services for integrated support service practitioners

Course content:

- Establishing aims and policies of the service, its relationship with the perpetrator services and with external systems such as the family courts:
- Proactive contact, outreach and helping clients to access your services
- Assessing the needs and vulnerabilities of your client group
- Setting up ongoing client work, workshop programs and support groups
- Case working with the perpetrator program
- Safety planning
- Parenting work
- Change monitoring

Engaging Fathers and Mothers around Domestic Violence

A two day course for Children's Service Staff, designed to identify and overcome internal and external obstacles to engaging parents safely and effectively when domestic violence is a factor.

Course content:

- Power, control and the worker / client relationship.
- Identifying external and internal barriers to engaging fathers where DV is a factor
- Techniques towards overcoming the barriers with fathers:
 Practical safety; Setting boundaries; Motivational interviewing
- Safety planning with fathers
- Effective engagement with mothers:
 Solution-focused interventions; Narrative therapy; Boundary setting and safety planning
- Effective and motivational interviews with mothers
- Identifying practical and emotional safety issues when mother and father are both present; safe information-sharing.

Domestic Violence and Substance Misuse

A one day event, designed for workers in either the DV or Substance Misuse sectors, or other related fields where either or both these issues may be a factor for clients.

Course content:

- Social Identities, power and control, perceptions of powerlessness within client groups
- Prevalence of domestic violence and substance misuse; key links between the two issues
- Principles around DV:
 - Violence is always unacceptable
 - The abuser is fully responsible for his behaviour
 - Violence is intentional
 - Violence is learned
- How to conduct effective assessment interviews with men and women around both DV and substance misuse
- Why do some women stay? Additional obstacles to leaving when both DV and substance misuse are present with either partner
- Effects on women of DV, substance misuse and both
- Effects on children where substance misuse and DV are also present.
- Identifying risk factors – issues for DV agencies, issues for Substance Misuse agencies
- Interventions that may be effective when both issues are present

Working with Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

A two day course for professionals in early years and education settings

Course content:

Awareness about domestic violence issues and application of this knowledge to early year's environments.

- An understanding of the impacts of domestic violence on children
- Meeting the needs of vulnerable children through crèche and play work
- Identifying signs and signals
- Managing risks within a partnership environment
- Understanding the therapeutic process with children exposed to domestic violence

Domestic Violence within Arabic-Speaking Communities

A one day course for professionals in social care, housing and support services

Course content:

Running an Arabic-Speaking domestic violence service and engaging with perpetrators and victims over a period of time. Emphasis will be on practising skills and teaching a range of structured interventions designed to increase safety and motivation.

- Islamic Shariah law and its position regarding domestic violence
- Obstacles to working with men from Arabic Speaking/Muslim communities and the challenging of cultural beliefs that tolerate perpetrating violence against women, including appealing to the common sense and addressing issues of gender imbalance
- Supporting and advocating for women, including practical case studies covering legal issues; language barriers; cultural stigma and no access to public funds.

Consultancy services

Our team of trainers can design specific training courses or work with you to support practice development to suit your organisational needs. We have provided consultancy to a range of agencies including mental health organisations, substance misuse services, foster care services and housing associations.

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