

Costs

The cost per hour is £110 for the first hour, and £55 for any subsequent hour or part hour.

Further information

Whether you are at the beginning of the adoption process or post approval and pre-adoption – the Face to Face Pre Adoption service with an Advisor may be of assistance to you.

For further information about this service, please contact Tanya Winch on the course bookings line.

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Please be advised that Local Authorities have a duty to provide a counselling and information service without charge and you may therefore wish to make enquiries with your Local Authority before contacting IAC.

The Face to Face Pre-adoption service is only available to individuals who are not using the IAC Assessment Service.

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Comments, Compliments and Complaints

IAC welcomes comments on the services provided. If you have suggestions or wish to complain about a service please request our leaflet 'Comments, Compliments and Complaints'.

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Face to Face Consultation (Pre Adoption)

**An Independent consultation service for
individuals interested in adopting a child
from overseas**

Who are we?

Intercountry Adoption Centre is a Voluntary Adoption Agency and registered charity offering a range of services to families interested in adopting children from overseas, existing families formed through intercountry adoption and adoption professionals.

These services include: a telephone Advice Line; Publications; Information Days for 'early' enquiries; Country Information Workshops, Preparation Courses for applicants wishing to be assessed by their Local Authority or Voluntary Adoption Agency as prospective adopters; Adopting Again Workshops for second time adopters, Face to Face Pre Adoption and After Adoption Consultations, Adoption Support Workshops and an Intermediary Service.

IAC has been operating in the specialist field of intercountry adoption for over 10 years and has a unique understanding of the joys and challenges of adoptive parenting.

What is Face to Face Pre Adoption?

The Face to Face Pre Adoption service developed following requests from

individuals at the early enquiry stage who were seeking a consultation session with a professional with expertise in intercountry adoption, knowledge of the individual countries overseas and their current status.

IAC is very aware that accessing reliable and useful information about intercountry adoption is an essential first step in deciding first whether it is an option that individuals wish to pursue and secondly, if it is, which countries might be considered. Whilst many individuals utilise the IAC Advice Line, or attend an Information Day for early enquiries, there are occasions where individuals wish to obtain a more personalised service where their individual circumstances can be discussed.

Face to Face Pre Adoption offers an opportunity to discuss and explore issues with an experienced intercountry adoption social worker who has extensive knowledge of the countries overseas. All the IAC Face to Face workers also work on the Advice Line and facilitate Information Days and therefore have up to date knowledge of both UK requirements and the requirements of countries overseas. The areas where individuals might seek our services include:

- Reflecting on whether intercountry adoption is the most appropriate

option for an individual or couple at this stage of their life

- Exploring options in relation to the choice of country in terms of country links, eligibility criteria, current waiting times, the type of children available and other specific country issues.

Many families seeking a consultation simply wish to have an opportunity to talk through their options in a private session where their individual circumstances can be addressed, focussed upon, explored and considered. The sessions are viewed as being an addition to the Advice Line service and the Information Day, rather than an alternative.

IAC abides by a strict code of conduct in relation to confidentiality; however in the event of there being concerns in relation to a child, this cannot be guaranteed.

When and where

Currently IAC offers the Face to Face Pre Adoption service at the Barnet office.

Appointment times are flexible, dependent upon Advisor availability.

An initial consultation session lasting between one and two hours is normally offered with an opportunity for additional sessions if required.