

What people say about the day

“My husband’s parents, my mum and my sister all found the day hugely enjoyable and they are all full of enthusiasm. They now have a deeper understanding of the issues ahead of us all and are devouring everything we have given them to read.”

“I would like to express my thanks for the information day for extended family in December. It was very well run, informative and we felt very welcome. It was well worth the journey.”

For further information or to book a place, contact IAC Course Bookings on 0208 447 4751 or info@icacentre.org.uk, advising of any special dietary or other requirements. IAC accommodation is not suitable for individuals with restricted mobility, but if there were sufficient demand, alternative venue arrangements could be made, so please do enquire.

How To Contact IAC

If you are interested in hearing more about Intercountry Adoption Centre and its service, please write for further information.

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At the current time, IAC is unfortunately unable to offer wheelchair access.

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Information Day for Family & Friends

An information day for grandparents and family members whose families are adopting from overseas

Who are we?

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

These services include: a telephone advice line; Consultation Days for 'early' enquiries; Preparation Courses for applicants wishing to be assessed by their Local Authority as prospective adopters; Adopting Again Workshops for 2nd or 3rd time adopters, Face to Face Pre Adoption and After Adoption Consultations and Post Adoption Workshops.

IAC is an independent organisation whose aim is to inform and advocate. It plays no role in assessing applicant's suitability to adopt.

The role of grandparents & the extended family

Extended family members often play a pivotal role in the lives of children adopted

from overseas. Most prospective family members assume that children will arrive in the family following a pregnancy and birth, and it can come as a surprise and a shock to learn that grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. may enter the family through adoption. From experience, IAC is aware that the extended family may have questions and sometimes worries about an adoption from overseas. For people outside the world of adoption, the thought of bringing a child from a distant country to join a family in the UK can seem daunting and frightening; those concerns are often added to by ill-informed media reports.

So what might it be like to have a child from overseas in the family?

This day aims to:

- offer information about intercountry adoption; the joys and challenges for the future
- provide a forum for prospective grandparents, aunts, uncles, guardians, to meet and share their expectations

Who is the day for?

Prospective grandparents, aunts, uncles, guardians, close family friends.

Topics covered

- The difference between adoptive and birth parenting
- Reactions to and expectations of the role
- Adoption – gaining or losing
- Managing the outside world – friends, neighbours, community
- The adopted child – their experiences before placement and how these might impact on the future
- Talking with young children about adoption – how to find the right words
- A personal testimony from an adoptive grandparent/family member

The day aims to be relaxed and informal and will be led by two experienced adoption workers, one of whom is the parent of a child from overseas.

Next Course Date

Please contact the administration office for the next available date. Places are limited, so early booking is advisable. Please refer to the IAC price guide for course prices.