

What people say about IAC's Kinship Preparation Course

"It was very encouraging meeting other parents going through the same procedure. There were points brought up that I had not thought about and which were very enlightening"

"I was impressed with the whole course and have found it made me consider things I had not even thought about"

"The 2 day course was interesting and I learnt a lot about adoption. I enjoyed listening to the guest speaker's experience of being an adoptive parent"

"Everyone was so friendly and helpful"

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'.

IAC is an Equal Access and Equal Opportunity service provider.

How to contact IAC

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

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KINSHIP PREPARATION COURSE

Who Are We?

Intercountry Adoption Centre is an Voluntary Adoption Agency which specialises in offering intercountry adoption services.

As part of a range of services IAC runs preparation courses for prospective adoptive applicants, which are specifically designed to offer applicants the chance to explore in depth the rewards and challenges involved in parenting a child from overseas.

Adopting a related child, whilst bringing many joys, also may bring some challenges and the course aims to give applicants the space to consider the impact of the adoption upon themselves and their extended family, including the family overseas, and to offer some strategies to assist applicants to manage some of the issues that arise for kin adoptive parents.

Course Details

The Intercountry Kinship Adoption Preparation course runs over 2 days over a four-week period.

The content of the 2-day course includes:

- Process and procedure
- Immigration
- Key parenting tasks
- Attachment
- Helping children in the transitional phase

- Loss in adoption
- The birth family perspective and contact arrangements
- Health and educational needs of children adopted from overseas
- Exploring adoption with children
- Managing challenging behaviour
- Exploring roots
- Personal perspectives (specialist input)

Course participants each receive a comprehensive workbook prior to attending and there is an expectation that participants will undertake both reading and tasks between sessions.

Courses are facilitated by two experienced intercountry adoption trainers. A maximum of 16 participants may attend each course.

Participants may attend the course at any stage in the ICA process. However maximum benefit is obtained by attending prior to the adoption assessment commencing.

Although the courses do not form part of the formal assessment process IAC is required to forward information to the referring authority on applicants attendance and contributions on the completion of the course.

Please refer to the IAC price guide for course prices.

Currently the courses are open to applicants from subscribing authorities and adoption agencies and participants will need to be referred by their local authority or adoption agency.

Please ensure that your referring agency informs IAC if you have any special needs that we should be aware of in order that arrangements can be made to ensure your comfort and safety. IAC's accommodation is not suitable for individuals with restricted mobility, but every reasonable effort would be made to provide alternative venue arrangements if we have advance notification.

Course venues

The courses are held at our North London venue. However provision can be made to run courses at a venue provided by the Local Authority throughout the UK.

Please Note: Should you decide to cancel for any reason we regret refunds are not possible.