



FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING – Autumn 2017

Family Mediation NI is the lead service provider and training organisation for family mediation within the Voluntary Sector in Northern Ireland. We are inviting eligible candidates to apply to enter this comprehensive training route to accreditation as a Family Mediator recognised in the UK and in Ireland.

The mediation service offered by FMNI includes separated parents mediation with the focus on the needs of the child. FMNI offers separating couples the opportunity to reach their own agreements during and after separation about their children, finances and living arrangements. This is widely accepted as a more sustainable outcome than one imposed

on them, for example, in the Court process. FMNI also offers mediation for other intra-family disputes including Elder Mediation.

What is Stage One?

The first step to becoming an accredited mediator who may work in a Family Mediation setting is to successfully complete the Foundation Training Programme (FTP). Note: FMNI offers a limited number of places on the programme each year. FMNI is approved by both The College of Mediators (UK) and The Mediators' Institute of Ireland (MII) to deliver a programme comprised of both generic mediation training and a specialist element for working with separating couples.

FMNI is offering the twelve day FTP this Autumn over six two-day modules in Belfast.

COST: £1999 – includes all training materials and catering.

DATES: 20th & 21st October 2017, 10th & 11th November 2017, 1st & 2nd December 2017, 12th & 13th January 2018, 2nd & 3rd February 2018, 23rd & 24th February 2018

What are Stages Two & Three?

Becoming an effective mediator takes more than a set of skills learned during training: it also requires practical experience, self-awareness and ongoing support. **Stage Two** is an assessed Training Placement involving co-working with an experienced mediator for a minimum of 10-15 hours. Stage Three involves ongoing casework and the completion of a Practice Portfolio which is independently assessed.

FMNI offers Stage Two Training Placements over each year to those who have successfully completed Stage One. Candidates can also organise their own Training Placement with another organisation with the option of the required assessment being provided by FMNI.

Stage Three: FMNI uses a Panel of Trained Mediators to deliver its service across Northern Ireland and from time to time invites new members to apply to join its Panel. Panel members can then use their casework to complete their Portfolio.

HOW TO APPLY FOR STAGE ONE – FOUNDATION TRAINING PROGRAMME 2017

Please download the Application Pack from the website at www.familymediationni.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 31st August 2017. Applications must be signed and emailed or posted to FMNI, 7 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1FY. Course delivery dependent on numbers of successful applicants (minimum 10)

