

# Transference and countertransference: how experiences from the past can disrupt family life in the present

Children who are placed in adoptive and foster families all come with previous experiences of family – some of which are likely to be negative, if not frankly traumatic. Ruth Layzell will use the concepts of transference and countertransference (concepts first developed in the context of psychoanalysis) to explore the impact of children’s previous experience on the families who foster or adopt them.

This workshop assumes no previous knowledge of transference or countertransference, but applies these concepts in new ways. The day will be of interest to adopters and foster carers, as well as those professionals (social workers, counsellors and therapists) who work with them and their children.

## Facilitator: Ruth Layzell

- Monday 15 November 2010
- 10am – 4.30pm
- North London

## Benefits of attending

- Understanding of the concepts of transference and countertransference
- Exploration of how these may help unlock some of the more bewildering interactions in foster and adoptive families
- Identifying the different aspects of adoptive parenting and foster caring
- Practical hints and tips on how to manage challenging family situations

## Adoptive parents/Foster carers

PAC subscribing local authorities	£80 (£94.00)
PAC non-subscribing local authorities	£87 (£102.23)

## Professionals

PAC subscribing local authorities	£135 (£158.63)
PAC non-subscribing local authorities	£145 (£170.38)