



TAYSIDE & FIFE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ALLIANCE

Understanding DAD

19th March 2018, Mitchell Street Centre, Dundee—9:30am

27th March 2018, Lochgelly Centre, Fife—9:30am

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A half day workshop that aims to enable participants to consider the implications of their practice on the role of fatherhood.

Background

Fathers have an important role to play in their children's developmental outcomes. A consensus is emerging that we now need to move from having to prove the value of fathers to designing services that include rather than exclude them.

Our successful and well-evaluated three-hour workshop, originally created and piloted by Fife's Improving Dads Engagement Partnership – is designed to help practitioners and services identify a more inclusive approach to their practice and service delivery.

Our experience is that collectively, small changes can result in a cultural shift towards consistently father-friendly services - whether that means tweaking publicity materials, auditing customer walk-in experience or simply asking dads for their feedback.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course participants will have:

- Developed their ability to identify aspects of their practice they intend to change to be more father-inclusive
- An improved understanding of the messages children, young people, families, workers and services give and receive about parenthood, families and the role of the father
- Improved knowledge, skills and confidence to better engage male parents and carers successfully
- Improved value and understanding of the role of the father and father figures

What to Expect

Participants will have the opportunity to explore their own practice, share ideas and good practice with others using a variety of approaches

Participants will learn about the evidence, research and policy context of the importance of fatherhood in the development of children

Group exercises will actively explore applying these principles to current professional roles and sharing the experience in the workplace

How Delivery will work

Target Audience: Anyone working with antenatal, children, young people, families or communities.

The course is free of charge, and participants will be supplied with the Understanding Dad Workbook and accompanying materials.

