

Trainer Profiles 2008

Craig McGuire - Craig is a qualified Drug & Alcohol Worker and has been working in the drug & alcohol field for 11 years. Working with both young people & adults in variety of contexts Craig is a skilled communicator. He has broad experience of delivering training as a freelance trainer.

Lou Davis - Lou has over ten years experience of working in a range of individual and group work settings, and is currently a Parental Drug Worker. With a strong focus on working with women affected by various forms of abuse, she cares passionately about those she works with. Trained as part of the national Alcohol and Parenting Project, Lou brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her training delivery.

Val Dunhill - Val Dunhill is a qualified Counsellor and Social Worker having first worked with drug users in 1986. She has worked with drug and alcohol users in both voluntary and statutory services. As a Social Worker she worked with clients with learning difficulties and with mental health problems. She has worked as a Probation Officer in a drugs team, a Groupworker and as a Counsellor with the Health Service. She trained as a Psychodynamic Counsellor and has had further training in Solution Focussed and CBT work. She is a practice assessor for social work and counselling students. She is also a qualified supervisor.

Niall Spencer

Niall Spencer is an experienced worker within the substance misuse field. He has played a key role in the development of Crack Cocaine Outreach services as part of the National Crack Cocaine pilot scheme in Bedford and has a wealth of knowledge to share about ways to work with this group. As the Service Manager for CAN/PLAN B Young Peoples Team in Bedfordshire, he draws on his background in youth counselling and advice to offer creative and practical ways to engage and work with young people.

Eileen Bertin

Eileen has been practising in the Addictions field since 1994, completing the Diploma in Drug and Alcohol Studies and further developing training skills through the Drug Education Forum in Hertfordshire. Eileen has many years experience as a freelance trainer working with a broad range of professionals and has been working as staff member at CAN in Northamptonshire for 9 years.

Ellie Davies

Ellie is a qualified counsellor with a specialism in substance misuse. (Counselling Dip D & A Users, B.A. Hons Women's/Social Studies)
She has worked in the drug and alcohol field for over 10 years. During this time she has worked with young people, young offenders and currently with families where a parent is a substance user. Ellie facilitates parenting groups for drug using parents, and has experience of being included in Child Protection cases working with a range of professionals to support clients. Ellie is also an NVQ Health and Social Level 3 Assessor (A1 Award) for CAN staff.

Rene Dyett

Rene has worked for CAN Homeless Action Team since 1996 when it was first established. From 1997 – 2002 he managed CAN's Rent Assistance Scheme until becoming Resettlement Service Manager in 2002. Rene has a Certificate in Housing Aid and Advice and is a member of The Chartered Institute of Housing. He also has a Cert in Counselling Theory and Practice and is a Qualified NVQ Level 3 A1 Assessor in Health & Social Care. He has designed and delivered training to meet the needs of groups and organisations working in Supported Housing. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his training practice.

Karen Angier-Brown

Karen has worked in the Substance Misuse field since 1993 working in both statutory and voluntary settings also working as a Regional Co-ordinator for COCA. CAN in Bedford was one of the eleven National Treatment Agency pilot sites for developing a service for Crack Cocaine users. Karen worked as an Outreach Worker on this project and brings this valuable range of experience to her training.

Wendy Castelino

Wendy has four Post Graduate Diplomas in the following subjects: Cognitive Behaviour Psychotherapy, Integrative Psychotherapy, Dramatherapy and Management Studies. She also has a Masters degree in Mental Health Management. Wendy first qualified as a therapist 20 years ago. Her main career history is in Mental Health where she has over 20 years experience and has 7 years experience in Drug and Alcohol work. Wendy has been a freelance trainer for the past 7 years, delivering a range of training sessions.

John E Brennan

John is a qualified Counsellor and Freelance Trainer/ Supervisor with over 12 years experience of working with adult survivors of sexual abuse. As a Therapist this includes working on help-lines, providing one to one counselling and facilitating groups for male and female survivors. John also supervises staff working with adult survivors of sexual abuse. John designs and delivers a variety of training workshops / programmes which aim to support professionals working with this client group

Marilyn Brennan

Marilyn is a qualified counsellor who has been working in the substance misuse field for over 12 years. During this time, she has worked extensively with clients who have been abused as children as well as with substance misusers and has trained and supervised both counsellors and drug workers. Marilyn has also facilitated a large number of both therapeutic training groups and workshops.