



**Nottinghamshire  
County Council**

# **PDL Team Drama Workshop Programme**

TRAINING FOR ADULTS  
SEPTEMBER 2007 – AUGUST 2009



***Celebrating 10 Years!***

***"These workshops bring things alive, are  
active and fun, to promote learning"***

## WHO ARE WE?

The PDL (Personal Development of Learners) Team is part of the Learning and Achievement Division of Nottinghamshire County Council's Children and Young People's Service. We offer a service to schools and other professionals to support them with all aspects of the personal development of young people.

A key part of our provision is the Drama Workshop Programme which has been operating successfully in Nottinghamshire since September 1997. This programme offers workshops for young people and training for adults using drama and interactive learning methods.

We currently have two full-time Drama Projects Co-ordinators, both skilled issue-based drama practitioners, who develop and deliver training for adults and workshops for young people. We work within County Council policies and procedures, legal requirements and national good practice guidelines.

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## AIMS

### What do we offer?

The Drama Workshop Programme offers drama-based training to enhance the development of professionals. The use of drama in training allows participants to learn and develop new skills in a safe and practical way.

### Role-play:

Our experienced team can inhabit a character(s) of your choosing to support your training. Past examples of characters include: a drug user; a child with low self-esteem; and an angry parent. Role-play can be used to explore a range of skills and issues including: communication; problem-solving; negotiation.

### Drama presentations:

We can develop powerful pieces of drama to be shown at conferences or within training sessions. These can be interactive, for example participants advising the characters on how to deal with a problem, or simply used as a stimulus for further work on the issues.

### Drama/Facilitation Insets:

We provide training for professionals on drama techniques which can be used to explore issues with young people. We give participants the tools to enable them to include drama in their work with children and young people.



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF USING DRAMA IN YOUR TRAINING?

Participants are able to:

- Spend time exploring the complexities of a situation
- Feel free to try ideas and make mistakes without loss of confidence
- Learn and develop new skills in a safe and practical way
- Explore their own and others' attitudes and opinions
- Test their skills in a 'life-like' situation with realistic characters

## WHO DO WE WORK WITH?

Organisations that have used the Workshop Programme to support their training include:

Nottinghamshire Learning Centre;  
CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services);  
Connexions;  
Nottinghamshire County Council Social Care and Health

## WHAT DO PEOPLE THINK ABOUT OUR WORK?

"Absolutely brilliant. A frank reminder of how issues impact on young people and families."

"Very powerful in focusing on client needs and outcomes."

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"We have commissioned the PDL Team Drama Projects Co-ordinators to support a variety of events and training. The meaningful, interactive and thought-provoking drama pieces presented always engage participants and promote lively discussion. The work has huge impact and can both challenge and inspire delegates."

## HOW DO I ACCESS THE SERVICE?

Please contact us and we will be happy to discuss your requirements.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The costs will vary depending on the nature of your requirements. Some examples of costs are shown below:

### Example cost 1:

One actor being in role as the character of a drug user at a training event. The actor is booked for one hour and the character brief is supplied by the host organisation.

**Total cost = £80**

### Example cost 2:

A drama piece is developed for a training event to explore the needs of young people within a particular organisation. The drama piece is researched and written by the team. A half-day session is delivered, facilitated by the Drama Projects Co-ordinators.

**Total cost = £610**





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If the landline and / or fax numbers are unavailable please use the mobile numbers or email addresses. Thank you.