

# Respond Learning Disability Seminar



14th March 2013  
**Institute of  
Family Therapy**  
24-32 Stephenson  
Way  
London NW1 2HD  
1.30pm – 4.30pm

*Afternoon on domestic abuse, forced  
marriage and learning disabilities*

Respond is the country's leading independent provider of psychotherapy for people with learning disabilities. This year we celebrate twenty one years of working and leading in this field.

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Experiencing domestic abuse can have long lasting and damaging effects upon a person, leaving them with painful and overwhelming emotions. This seminar aims to shine a light on the intersection of learning disabilities and domestic abuse, including the complex issue of forced marriage and learning disabilities. We will also consider the impact of domestic abuse specifically on children with learning disabilities.

**This seminar will be looking at:**

- ◆ how best to support children and adults with learning disabilities and their families, using case material to illustrate
- ◆ the link between domestic abuse and learning disabilities using research findings
- ◆ the therapeutic approaches and assessment tools that inform our work with children who've experienced domestic abuse
- ◆ a recent High Court Judgement involving the forced marriage of a woman with learning disabilities, and learn more about the challenges presented by these cases
- ◆ how cases of forced marriage involving victims with a learning disability can differ from more conventional cases of forced marriage
- ◆ the importance of a victim-centred approach to cases, and striking the right balance between safeguarding and choice

**Speakers:**

- Debbie Adamson, Young People's Service Senior Coordinator
- Louise Wallis, Policy and Campaigns Officer

Booking form for Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage seminar:

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