

# Respond Learning Disability Seminar



Wed 24th October  
2012

**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. An estimated three million children in the UK are exposed to violence in the home. *Beyond Violence: breaking cycles of domestic abuse*, a new report from the Centre of Social Justice says children caught up in domestic violence are at greater risk of mental health, behavioural and educational problems and more likely to become a perpetrator or victim of violence themselves in adulthood. Breaking these 'cycles of violence' should be a priority for the Government and for society in general. This seminar will consider the impact of domestic violence on children with learning disabilities and look at treatment options offered by Respond's Young People's Therapy Service.

This seminar also aims to shine a light on the intersection of learning disabilities and domestic abuse, including the complex issue of forced marriage and learning disabilities. The seminar will also suggest ways to support both children and adults with learning disabilities affected by these

**This seminar will focus on domestic abuse and the forced marriage of people with learning disabilities**

- We will look at how best to support children and adults with learning disabilities, their families and the people that work with them
- We will look at the impact that working with domestic abuse can have on practitioners.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Have a better understanding of how domestic abuse and forced marriage impacts on people with learning disabilities
- Attendees will feel more confident about how to support people with learning disabilities
- Attendees will gain a greater awareness of how their own reactions to domestic abuse and forced marriage affect those they work with

**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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