



FAMILY MEDIATOR FOUNDATION TRAINING PROGRAMME – Autumn/Winter 2022

Family Mediation NI is the lead service provider and training organisation for family mediation within the Voluntary Sector in Northern Ireland. We are inviting eligible candidates to apply to enter this comprehensive training route to accreditation as a Family Mediator recognised in the UK and in Ireland. The mediation service offered by FMNI includes separated parents mediation with the focus on the needs of the child. FMNI offers separating couples the opportunity to reach their own agreements during and after separation about their children, finances and living arrangements. This is widely accepted as a more sustainable outcome than one imposed on them, for example, in the Court process. FMNI also offers mediation for other intra-family disputes including Elder Mediation.

What is Stage One?

The first step to becoming an accredited mediator who may work in a Family Mediation setting is to successfully complete the Foundation Training Programme (FTP). Note: FMNI offers a limited number of places on the programme each year. FMNI is approved by both The College of Mediators (UK) and The Mediators' Institute of Ireland (MII) to deliver a programme comprised of both generic mediation training and a specialist element for working with separating couples.

FMNI is offering the twelve day FTP this Autumn/Winter over six two-day modules in Belfast. Zoom may be an option for part of programme.

COST: £2000 – includes training manual and catering where appropriate.

DATES: 30th Sept & 1st Oct. 21st & 22nd Oct. 11th & 12th Nov. 9th & 10th Dec, 2022 & 6th & 7th Jan & 27th & 28th Jan 2023

What are Stages Two & Three?

Becoming an effective mediator takes more than a set of skills learned during training: it also requires practical experience, self-awareness and ongoing support. **Stage Two** is an assessed Training Placement involving co-working with an experienced mediator for a minimum of 10-15 hours (within a year). Stage Three involves ongoing casework and the completion of a Practice Portfolio which is independently assessed.

FMNI offers Stage Two Training Placements over each year to those who have successfully completed Stage One. Candidates can also organise their own Training Placement with another organisation with the option of the required assessment being provided by FMNI.

Stage Three: FMNI uses a sessional Panel of Trained Mediators to deliver its service across Northern Ireland. Panel members can then use their casework to complete their Portfolio towards accreditation.

HOW TO APPLY FOR STAGE ONE – FOUNDATION TRAINING PROGRAMME 2022

Application Pack available from administration@familymediationni.org.uk. **Closing date for applications, 12th September 2022.** All dates must be attended. Any dates missed will incur additional charges for trainers time. Applications must be signed and emailed or posted to FMNI at address below. Course delivery dependent on numbers of successful applicants (minimum 10)

