



FAMILY MEDIATOR FOUNDATION TRAINING PROGRAMME – 2024

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 The College of Mediators (UK) to deliver a programme comprised of both generic mediation training and a specialist element for working with separating couples.

FMNI is offering the 6 modules of FTP in 2024, delivered in person and on-line by up to four experienced mediator/trainers.

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

DATES: Module 1: In-person Fri 5th & Sat 6th January 2024, Module 2: Thurs 25th Jan On-line, Fri 26th Jan On-line, Sat 27th Jan, In-person. Module 3: Thurs 15th Feb On-line, Fri 16th Feb On-line, Sat 17th Feb In-person. Module 4: Thurs 7th Mar On-line, Fri 8th Mar On-line, Sat 9th Mar In-person. Module 5: Thurs 4th April On-line, Fri 5th April On-line, Sat 6th April In-person. Module 6: 26th April In-person, Sat 27th April In-person.
Assessment submission dates, 28th March, 13th May, & Certificate to Practice issued 28th May

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 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 NI. Those with an SLA, The Mediator Panel use their casework to complete their Portfolio towards accreditation.

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More information available here www.familymediationni.org.uk or register your interest at administration@familymediationni.org.uk All dates must be attended. Any dates missed will incur additional charges for trainer's time with you. Applications must be signed and emailed or posted to FMNI at address below. Course delivery dependent on numbers of successful applicants (minimum 10). You may also register your interest at above e-mail.

