

Gambling Education Training: Free CPD session on the topic of youth gambling and problem gambling.

The training is open to practitioners who engage with young people under the age of 25 in the informal education sector – e.g. youth workers, CLD workers, youth leaders, practitioners in recovery and support services and others similar roles supporting young people’s health and wellbeing

The training will support participants to:

- increase their awareness regarding gambling and its impact on young people's health and wellbeing;
- better understand what problem gambling is and its relationship with other risk-taking behaviours;
- recognise the signs and consequences of problem gambling;
- increase their knowledge of resources available (such as Fast Forward’s Gambling Education Toolkit);
- find information on additional support and specialized services;
- explores ways to include gambling in the range of issues that services already address;
- strengthen their skills and confidence to deliver gambling education and prevention activities.

This training is part of Fast Forward's **Gambling Education Hub**:

<http://www.fastforward.org.uk/projects/gedhub/>

The mission of the Hub is to make it possible for every young person in Scotland to have access to gambling education and prevention opportunities. The Hub regularly organises regional CPD events across Scotland. Additional sessions and bespoke trainings can be arranged according to need and demand.

Quotes from training attendees

Feedback from training participants has been very positive, as expressed in the qualitative data collected in the evaluation forms. For example:

- *“I work with people with any social issue. Gambling problems have been disclosed previously. This will help me to give more appropriate support.”* (Youth worker, Inverclyde)

- *“Working with young offenders, I don't think some of them realise that they may have an addiction issue. Now that I have had training I think I will be able to identify this issue much better.”* (Juvenile Justice Officer, Aberdeen, asked how relevant to their work)
- *“I hadn't realised until the training how relevant it was. There are young people who are affected either directly or indirectly.”* (Practitioner, Aberdeen)
- *“Very, given the extent of deprivation in the Kirkcaldy area this is very relevant, alongside lower educational attainment; low self-esteem; high levels of risk-taking behaviour already prominent.”* (YMCA practitioner, Fife, asked how the training is relevant to their work)
- *“Started this session thinking gambling was not a huge issue in West Lothian - how wrong I was!!”* (CLD Officer, West Lothian)
- *“More so than I would have previously thought. I feel it is likely to be a hidden issue.”* [Asked how it's relevant to their work] (Youth Worker, Ayrshire)

To book a place contact smiller@engagerenfrewshire.com. Did we say that the session is **FREE**