

**Adoption UK Northern Ireland in partnership the Regional Adoption and Fostering Service**

**ONE DAY WORKSHOP**

**1, 2, 3, or 4? Could I? Should I?  
Adopters Considering a Sibling Group**

**Date:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Time:** Registration 9.15 am; 4.30pm finish

**Venue:** Agape Centre, 238 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GF

**This workshop is generously funded by the Regional Adoption and Fostering Service and places are available free of charge to prospective adopters**

Thinking about adopting siblings?

Wondering about extending your current approval to more than one child?

This one-day workshop will consider the benefits for brothers and sisters of sharing an adoptive family and the potential challenges for both adopters and children.

The workshop will be of benefit to prospective adopters already approved for a sibling placement or considering reviewing their approval criteria to include siblings, those undergoing assessment and thinking about a sibling placement, and those giving consideration to providing a placement for a sibling of an existing adopted child.

**The workshop will enable participants to:**

- Explore how their own childhood experiences, either as part of a sibling group or as a single child, may influence their views on parenting siblings.
- Reflect on the life-long nature of relationships between brothers and sisters.
- Consider the challenges of reuniting brothers and sisters or integrating siblings who have not previously lived together.
- Think about how they manage sibling rivalry and the often competing needs of brothers and sisters who require placement for adoption.
- Consider the impact of shared and different early life experiences on the dynamics between siblings.
- Explore the complexities of contact for siblings with differing needs and experiences.
- Reflect on their own support needs following the placement of siblings.

**What previous course participants said:**

*“The entire course really got me thinking about sibling dynamics and issues around contact for sibling groups. This is really the best training we have had specifically regarding siblings.”*

*“The training really helped me to see the world through the eyes of a child and the enormity of the loss of a brother or sister”*

## Workshop Booking Form

Adoption UK at Groundwork, 63-75 Duncairn Gardens,  
Belfast BT15 2GB  
Email: [tracey@adoptionuk.org.uk](mailto:tracey@adoptionuk.org.uk)

### FREE OF CHARGE

To reserve a place please email Tracey or call Adoption UK 028 9077 5211

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### Booking details

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Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_ Other special requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Trust/Adoption Agency of approval/ to which application to adopt made:

**If you have booked a place on this workshop and are no longer able to attend please inform Adoption UK as soon as possible to enable others who may be waiting to be allocated a place to attend.**