

“Just a quick email to feedback that I personally found the ASYE court skills session on Friday to be very useful and well delivered.

I gained so much from it and I know that many of the others felt the same way. It's not often that I feel this way about training particularly where there is role play involved but this is an instance where I feel really positive about my learning and that it was definitely money well spent by the council.”

“I've done lots of court training – this was fabulous – thank you”

“I have a greater understanding of the expectations and will be incorporating what I've learned into my daily practice and training my team”

“Really good informative trainers able to share their knowledge and experience”

“I loved the interactive aspect, learning how it feels to be in others' shoes”

“Very helpful use of examples where participants were able to share experiences and have questions answered by the panel”

‘Useful training as this was not provided when doing my social work degree’

‘I feel that the training was delivered well and was very informative for my understanding and to ease my anxieties about giving evidence’

‘I'm going to share this learning when supporting staff with cases in court ... I feel this training was at a good pace and the practical application of learning made legislation interesting. Thanks’

“I feel more confident ... and I liked the role play ... thoroughly enjoyable and informative”

‘Gave a real and meaningful insight into the role of other parties (in court) and the importance of factual, concise information’

“Understand better the evidence and standards expected when in proceedings. I have learnt the procedures and idea of issues of concern raised by legal team about social worker statements”

“(I'll use the training to help with) quality assurance around of my reports and it will help me to improve consistency and think about where holes can be picked in statements.

“It helped by seeing the role of the judge as it gave another view of how to write statements and evidence”

“Excellent course. I will prepare for court effectively providing factual evidence”

“I have learnt when writing court reports and understanding the difference between facts and hearsay”

“I learned to critique my own work and to make the best informed decisions for children”

“I now have a greater awareness ... I found it informative as I have not yet been directly involved with court and preparing these types of reports”

“I wanted to removed my fear of the court process, gain a better understanding of what the judge plus legal teams will focus on with my reports ... I found the information provided in the law summary very insightful and informative. Hearing the tips and advice given by Louise and Antonia in relation to what judges expect etc has helped to eliminate some of the fears which in turn will increase my confidence”

‘I will feel confident in working with legal, my assessments will be factual, clear, concise, non biased and based on evidence.

“I will feel more confident in my professional role as a social worker. Taking ownership of my work and viewing myself an expert”

“I feel more confident in terms of what needs to be put into a statement and the reasons for this ... everything was good. I will link statements to plans and back everything up with evidence”

“The course was executed well with important guidance provided for effective court skills”

“I understand my role as an expert in court proceedings – especially the value I add to the hearings”

“Invaluable teaching”

“The court skills course should be compulsory for social workers ... who are expected to go to complete statements to go to court to represent the Local Authority. We require guidance contained in this course to be competent and confident in our roles”

“Participants clearly benefitted from the mock’ role play and were able to recognize how things could be improved” “It is clear conversations need to be had with Universities around how social workers are trained”

“I wanted to gain confidence and understanding id what is expected from court ... The training absolutely met my objectives – and more”

“Really good informative trainers able to share there knowledge and experience”

“The trainers were excellent and an enjoyable day”

“I think court training is essential for social workers before they complete court work”

“I now understand that the evidence needs to be water tight for the judge ...to be able to make a decision