

# The Signs of Safety approach to high-risk child protection casework

**September 13 to 17  
Gateshead England**

**Viv Hogg and Andrew Turnell are excited to lead the second intensive Signs of Safety training to be offered in the UK. The training will particularly focus on:**

- Collaborative, safety-organised risk assessment using the signs of safety assessment framework
- 'Mapping' and supervising cases using the signs of safety framework.
- Building rigorous, sustainable safety plans that involve the family and their own naturally occurring networks
- Methods for talking openly to the children about child protection concerns and involving them in assessment and safety planning work.
- Building a culture of appreciative inquiry around practice and practitioners in the workplace.
- Interviewing and questioning skills that facilitate these practices.

The five-day training will suit all professionals involved in all aspects of the child protection/child welfare task and will be particularly valuable for practitioners, supervisors and managers interested in making extensive use of the signs of safety approach in their practice or agency. All of the training will be grounded in actual UK and international case material, including video footage of practitioners and parents describing their experience of the practice.

Viv and Andrew will demonstrate all of the skills and involve participants in many participative learning exercises to provide plenty of opportunity to practice. Participants are encouraged to bring cases they would like to consult on and plenty of time will be available to discuss implementing this approach in the UK context. All participants will be sent advanced reading and an extensive handout package will be provided at the training. *Book early as this event filled very quickly in 2009 and places will be strictly limited to 30 to ensure this an intimate learning experience.*

**Five-day residency  
with Andrew Turnell  
and Viv Hogg**

## **Venue:**

Park Farm Hotel  
Banesley Lane, Ravensworth,  
Gateshead

## **Accommodation Options:**

The Park Farm Hotel, Gateshead, is surrounded by peaceful countryside but very close to Gateshead and Newcastle (see [www.park-farm-hotel.co.uk](http://www.park-farm-hotel.co.uk)).

We have reserved a limited number of rooms (you need to get in early for these) for those wishing to stay at Park Farm Hotel during the training, otherwise the closest accommodation options are The Angel Inn and The Ravensworth Arms Hotel.

Please contact Viv if you want to stay at the Park Farm Hotel but if you want another accommodation arrangement you need to make those yourself directly with the venue you wish to use. Two nearby options are:

Angel View Inn

[www.angelviewinn.co.uk](http://www.angelviewinn.co.uk)

Ravensworth Arms

[www.ravenswortharms.com](http://www.ravenswortharms.com)



### Dr Andrew Turnell

is an independent social worker and family therapist from Perth and is an internationally recognized expert in collaborative, safety-organised child protection practice. While the child protection field tends to become overwhelmed by anxiety and failure, Andrew's work focuses on fostering, amplifying and describing, constructive on-the-ground child protection practice

that creates meaningful safety for children in high-risk cases. Andrew is the co-creator of the Signs of Safety approach to child protection casework and co-author of the Resolutions approach for working with 'denied' child abuse and has published extensively on these topics. Andrew teaches regularly around the world and acts as an ongoing consultant to child protection systems and agencies in Western Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Japan, Canada and Minnesota. At the beginning of 2008, Andrew began leading a system-wide implementation of the Signs of Safety approach within the West Australian Department for Child Protection. For more information go to [www.signsofsafety.net](http://www.signsofsafety.net)



### Viv Hogg

is a social worker of 15 years experience; Viv's entire career has been involved in child protection in Derbyshire and Nottingham, before moving north to Gateshead. Viv is manager of the Gateshead Referral and Assessment team who have been using the Signs of Safety approach in all their investigative work since 2001 which makes them easily the most experienced UK professionals using the Signs of Safety approach.

Viv has provided training and consultation in the Signs of Safety to many UK boroughs and currently acts as a consultant to the system-wide implementation in the Zeeland region of The Netherlands. Viv and her teams' extensive Signs of Safety experience has been recognised internationally - they have presented their work as keynote presenters in major child protection conferences in Japan and the Netherlands. Viv is the co-author of four papers on the signs of safety and solution-focused child protection practice. For more information go to [www.vivhogg.com](http://www.vivhogg.com)

## Registration Form

Full Name: ..... Title: .....

Position: ..... Organisation: .....

Address: ..... Postcode: .....

Telephone: ..... Email: .....

Any special requirements (e.g. access, dietary etc.):  
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### PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The cost of the five day programme is £550.00 standard fee or £400.00 for those are returning who have attended the previous 5 day residency.  
*This fee includes lunches and morning and afternoon teas.*

I enclose a **cheque** of ..... for the five-day programme made payable to Viv Hogg Consultancy.

I have made an **electronic transfer** of ..... to Viv Hogg Consultancy  
Sort Code: 11-08-40 Account No. 00780251

**Please provide full payment, because of limited numbers we do not accept deposits to secure a place. Also due to the limited number of places, full refunds (minus a 10% administrative fee) will only be provided up until six weeks prior to the training. After this time, refund will only be provided if your place is taken up by someone else.**

### Enquiries and Mailing Address

For enquiries please contact Viv Hogg at 0791 083 555 or [viv41@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:viv41@blueyonder.co.uk)  
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