



Donor Conception Network

Preparation for DC Parenthood Workshops

Following four successful pilot Preparation for DC Parenthood workshops in 2008/09 we are now delighted to offer our 2009/10 programme.

Who are they for?

The workshops are for couples (heterosexual or lesbian) or single women who are contemplating egg, sperm or embryo donation as a way of building or adding to a family and those who are currently having treatment. The workshops are appropriate for those having treatment in the UK or abroad. They are not appropriate for those who have already conceived.

If you are part of a couple we strongly recommend that you both attend. If single, you can attend alone or you could bring a family member or friend. We will be booking no more than 16 people onto each workshop.

Everyone is welcome at the mixed workshops. However, experience in our pilot study has shown that single women and lesbians sometimes prefer and appreciate separate provision. We recognise that the needs of these two groups are not exactly the same, but we believe they are sufficiently different from the needs of heterosexual couples to share the two specialist workshops we have added this year.

What are they about?

The workshops will provide information about the medical, legal, psychological and social/emotional implications of donor conception treatment and subsequent family raising. There will also be opportunities for participants to meet together in small groups to talk about personal stories, thoughts and feelings and to meet with people who are already parents of donor conceived children.

Where and when are they, how much do they cost and what's included?

The workshops are held in London, Manchester and the midlands, generally on Saturdays (either one long day, or spread over two days) between September 2009 and April 2010. There is one weekend workshop and one evening workshop in London. The workshops are subsidised by a grant from the Department of Health, with costs varying for each participant from £30-50. All meals and refreshments plus one year's membership of DC Network (for those not already members) are included in the cost. We want the workshops to be accessible to as many people as possible and for this reason a concessionary rate of half the fee is available.

What next? How do I book?

Choose a workshop from the schedule on the web site. Then print a PDF of the Booking Form and send it back to us with a cheque. If you do not have a printer, please email or phone us with your address and we will send a booking form by post.

Following confirmation of your booking (by email if you provide one) and about a week prior to the workshop we will ask you to complete a short survey, either online or on paper if you do not have access to email. **This is a requirement of your attendance.** We will repeat this survey about a week after the workshop has taken place and then again in three months time. Anonymised evaluations from these workshops may contribute to future government policy.

More questions?

Just contact us and we will be happy to help.

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