

“SOMEONE LIKE ME !”

**TRAINING SENIOR PEER MENTORS
TO MOTIVATE OLDER PEOPLE
TO BECOME ACTIVE**

Who is this course for?
These courses are designed for health and other professionals who work to promote physical activity with older people (e.g. Health Improvement Managers in PCTs, Development Officers in local authority leisure and social services, non governmental organisations, the residential and care sector, housing wardens and exercise and health co-ordinators).

This one day course is **for those who wish to understand both the planning of local programmes as well as those with some experience of the concept of peer mentoring and working with volunteers** who wish to undertake their own specific local training of Senior Peer Mentors with a specific focus upon physical activity.

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**ONE DAY TRAINING COURSE FOR
PROFESSIONALS**

**TRAINING
SENIOR PEER MENTORS
TO USE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

**AS PART OF - “SOMEONE LIKE ME !”
THE SENIOR PEER MENTOR PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY MOTIVATOR PROGRAMME**

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SOMEONE LIKE ME.....

Training Senior Peer Mentors to motivate older people to become active

What is Senior Peer Mentoring ?

A Senior Peer Mentor is someone who will help their peer group overcome **some of the barriers to physical activity that older people face** and move into or step up their campaign for healthy living and successful ageing. They:-

- point people in the right direction
- help by providing appropriate information
- are someone that an older participant can talk to
- are someone who will understand things from "their point of view"
- provide a positive role model.

The Senior Peer Activity Motivator Programme uses physical activity as the focal point of mentoring programmes and is designed as a means of encouraging older adults of all ages to take up *regular physical activity*

NB Senior Peer Mentors are not expected to give medical advice or lead physical activity, exercise or recreational classes or groups, although in many cases that is what they may go on to do following further education and training

Course Content

The course is designed to allow participants to experience the practical components of Senior Peer Activity Motivator training.

No formal qualifications are required although some experience of working with older volunteers, health promotion settings and promoting physical activity would be very helpful, though not essential.

Duration of the Course

A one-day programme - 9.30 am – 4.30 pm with a maximum of 24 participants.

Session A:

An introduction to the Senior Peer Activity Motivator Programme - What is Senior Peer Mentoring about ?

Session B:

Motivating Others - Developing communication skills, talking, listening and understanding the barriers to physical activity

Session C:

Physical Activity Matters- Providing information about physical activity

Session D:

The next steps - Putting mentoring into practice and action planning

There is no formal assessment; all participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Course Dates and Venues

North - Thursday 07 June 2007 - Cross Street Chapel, Manchester

South - Tuesday 12 June 2007 - FitPro head Office, East London

West - Thursday 11 Oct 2007 - Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge

East - Thursday 18 Oct 2007 - Chesterton Medical Centre, Cambridge

Course fee

(including all materials and refreshments)

£140 + VAT (£24.50). Concessionary prices are available for staff and voluntary workers of Age Concern.

For more information about Senior Peer Mentoring and physical activity, visit www.bhfactive.org.uk or email bob.laventure@ntlworld.com

Training and Development Resources

All candidates will be supplied with CD ROM training materials for their own use including a programme planning guide, a training manual and materials, including copies of the Senior Peer Mentor Support Pack.

How to Apply

For an application form, please contact the Administrator, at the address overleaf or visit www.laterlifetraining.co.uk