**Gingerbread Training**

We offer a range of training for your staff, from frontline employment advisors to more senior members of staff, who want to:

* Get a handle on some of the key policy issues affecting single parents today
* Support single parents to gain employment suitable employment
* Retain valuable staff who are single parents

We provide bespoke training to meet the needs of your organisation. The areas we cover as part of the training are:

* Structural barriers, which limit opportunities for single parents to progress in their job
* Recommendations to increase part-time and flexible work, career support, and cheaper and accessible childcare
* The unique challenges facing single parents arising from the Covid-19 crisis

By the end of the session, your staff will understand:

* Who single parents are
* The unique challenges they face in moving into work
* How the pandemic has exacerbated inequalities for single parents
* Practical ideas of how you can support single parents better

Participants from a recent REED programme said about the programme:

***“the session was great and I gained some useful practical tips for supporting single parents in my caseload”***

**Who are Gingerbread?**

Gingerbread have worked hard for over a century to ensure that single parent families are respected, appreciated, and given the same opportunities as coupled households. Everything we do focuses on the needs and equality of single parents.

Our vision is all single parents, and their children thrive. Our mission is to stand with and support single parents to overcome disadvantage, inequality, and injustice. We achieve this by running a **national helpline**, supporting volunteers to run **local friendship groups** and carrying out **research and campaigning for change.**

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