

Image's Post-abortion/Child Loss Training Course 2026

About the course



Image's training course is designed to equip those wanting to facilitate *image's* Step by Step Programme with clients (in particular, Christian pregnancy centre workers and others in relevant pastoral or professional roles). The Step by Step programme is for use with clients following abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth, child loss or child separation, where the loss is not immediate (i.e., it was at least 6 months ago).

The training takes trainees on their own journey through the ten steps of the Programme. For this reason, it is recommended that those who have experienced an abortion or child loss of their own go through the Step by Step programme themselves before training to help others.

Applicants for Step by Step training are required to have completed some basic counselling skills training (e.g., *image's* 60-hour course in Christian Pregnancy Counselling skills or the equivalent), to have had some experience in pastoral care and to provide a reference from a church or pregnancy centre leader. Please note this must be a person that has known you well for the last 3 years.

The course is recognised by Open Awards at levels 2 and 3 as a 60-hour course (six unit credits) in *image's* counselling skills (Post-abortion and Child Loss) as well as by the Association of Christians in Counselling and Linked Professions, as 60 hours of pastoral care with counselling skills.

It contains four modules which run at monthly intervals. Each module can be broken down as follows:

Home learning - 2 hours (completed BEFORE each module). Total: 10 hrs

Zoom learning - 5.5 hours per module (usually Fri evening and Saturday morning) which includes tutor groups, presentation and skills work in trios. Total: 22 hours

Personal study - 7 hours (completed AFTER each module). This involves writing three assignments, reading at least two books and journaling. Total: 28 hours. A manual for the course will be sent out by post to all participants and there may be some pre-course reading. The course marking is completed through Google Classrooms. Pre-course support for using Classrooms will be offered.

Please note that completing the training does not automatically qualify you to work in a pregnancy centre. Volunteering is subject to the policies and procedures of individual centres.

You will need to have a suitable device to access the course via Zoom. This could be a desktop computer, a laptop or a tablet. A mobile phone is not suitable.

You can apply online using this link : -

<https://www.imagenet.org.uk/training/course-dates/online-post-abortion-child-loss-online/>

Course Details: Zoom training online (zoom is free to download)

Course dates: 18/19 September, 16/17 October, 13/14 November, 11/12 December

Times: Fridays 7.00 – 8.30pm, Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Cost £200 (or £50 non-refundable deposit and £50 payable on 17 October, 14 November & 12 December).

Closing date for applications: 21st August

About *image*

Image is a Christian charity that 'values people from beginning to end': we value the client at whatever stage of life s/he is at and we also value the loss(es) at whatever stage of development and growth. The course reflects these values.



Image is also currently a training member of the Association of Christians in Counselling and Linked Professions (since 2001) and a recognised centre for Open Awards. We are quality reviewed by Open Awards each year and we have our own Authorised Internal Verifiers (AIVs).