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The Centre for Child Protection is pleased to announce that this four week MOOC is going to run again soon.

Discover tools and techniques to engage effectively with vulnerable children and young people.

Background

Communicating effectively with vulnerable children and young people is not always easy. Despite practitioners and carers knowing this is an important area of their work, research shows that practice is not always as effective as it could be.

This four week online course, approximately four hours per week study, will enable you to improve your communication skills through techniques which place the child at the heart of the interaction. You'll examine why a child may become vulnerable and reflect upon the barriers to communication.

You'll also explore activities which encourage children to share their feelings.

Topics covered:

- Reasons why a child or young person may become vulnerable
- Age-appropriate activities and techniques from the pre-verbal to teenage stages

- Innovative ways of facilitating communication
- Challenges and barriers to effective communication with vulnerable children and young people
- Levels of vulnerability experienced by a child or young person, including areas of safeguarding.

Objectives

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- Reflect upon and develop skills in communicating with vulnerable children and young people, raising the profile of this essential area of child welfare and wellbeing
- Explore a child-centred perspective to help facilitate more effective communication with the children and young people for whom we are responsible
- Explain that improving our communication with children and young people requires consideration of specific activities and skills which facilitates this communication – it is more than just talking with them
- Discuss some helpful approaches, tools and techniques
- Engage with and reflect upon material from award winning child protection simulations to reflect upon how we can improve our communication with vulnerable children and young people.

Next steps

The course is aimed at anyone working with children and young people or with an interest in learning more about this complex aspect of communication. It is also suited to foster carers keen to improve their communication skills.

Register your interest at www.kent.ac.uk/sspssr/ccp/register-interest-all.html and email ccp@kent.ac.uk with any questions.

Further Study

You may also be interested in our Direct Work with Children Standalone Module and more information can be found on our website: www.kent.ac.uk/sspssr/ccp/samodules/indexdworkmodulelive.html

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the module further, please contact Vanisha Jassal (Lecturer and Tutor for MA and Standalone Modules) at ccp@kent.ac.uk