## summer school of activism and advocacy

## **LONDON REGION**

FREE TRAINING FOR PEOPLE WITH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL DISTRESS / USING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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Would you like to get involved in?

- Recruitment
- Steering Groups
- Policies and policy development
- New business and fundraising
- Consultations
- Quality Assurance and evaluation
- Campaigning
- Media
- Research
- Training

This summer's programme of training will help participants develop skills, knowledge and experience to get involved in service user involvement activities at Together. The training covers areas like:

Health, illness, disability and wellbeing

Emotional Literacy and wellbeing

**Recovery** (and all its contradictions?)

Understanding mental health and social care services (from CPA to Direct Payments)

Commissioning (Introduction to Commissioning: understanding the NHS and Local Authority arrangements (why the money gets spent the way it does!)

**Self Awareness and Self Disclosure** (keeping yourself safe and taking responsibility for the things you share about yourself when working in mental health services)



Training will be held at:

Together: Working for Wellbeing 12 Old Street London FC1 9BF

on the following dates:

14, 21, 28 August

4, 11, 18 September

1.00pm – 5.00pm, light refreshments and reasonable travel expenses covered (with a receipt)

All participants must attend a taster session/informal interview on either  $6^{th}$  or  $7^{th}$  August at Old Street.

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