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Being an Aid Worker- Basic Skills Course



This one-day course covers the fundamental skills that every aid worker needs, whether you are a volunteer, intern, doctor or engineer.

Facilitated by aid workers with over twenty years of experience of working in developing countries and conflict zones, you will learn about the essential personal and programmatic skills needed to be an aid worker.

What does the workshop cover?

The course covers the essential skills identified by our recent survey of practitioners. Topics include:

- Key personal skills such as stress, security and time management
- Getting to grips with your project
- Identifying key actors
- Managing effective meetings
- Field assessments and monitoring activities
- Managing budgets.

By the end of the workshop you will:

- Be better prepared for your next deployment
- Have practiced using essential programme management tools
- Know how to plan your first three months in the field
- Have identified a personal action plan
- Be inspired about field work!

How is the workshop structured?

The course is based around a scenario which will unfold as the day goes on. The facilitators will take you through the first few months of a mission, exploring programme activities and reflecting on personal skills. The scenario is based on real-life projects and situations. There will be a maximum of 20 participants on the course.

Is this workshop for me?

The day is designed for anyone thinking of working in aid, going to be deployed in a volunteer or paid position, or working in a head office wanting to know more about the reality of working in the field.

What will happen after the course?

We understand that participants still need support after they leave the workshop, so we always perform a follow up. We will contact you one month after the workshop to see how you are getting on, and to see if we can offer any further assistance.

When and where will the next workshop be run?

For the latest times and locations, please visit www.aidworks.org.uk

What other courses are available?

Later in 2015 we will run "A Day in the Field", a one-day course which will take these concepts into a full day simulation. Check out our website for a complete list of courses

NORTH + SOUTH

This workshop is part of our Get the North to the South initiative, bringing development skills and knowledge to the North of England, and sharing them with the world.

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