

Wigan Portage Service: Basic Portage Workshop Delivered over 3 days: 9.15am – 4.00pm

Portage is a home teaching service for young children, who have an additional need. It supports children's development by helping parents and children to play and learn together. Building firm foundations for learning and development is important.

After attending a Portage Basic Workshop, new Portage home visitors receive formal support from other team members for an agreed introductory period of home visiting.

The National Portage Association has published Core Competencies for Portage Home Visitors and Registered services are advised to use this document to support all newly trained home visitors. There is no set amount of time suggested for its completion, as much will depend on previous experience and the current caseload.

Outcomes:

The outcomes of the course are to develop:

- understanding of the Portage Principles and model of support
- the basic skills to deliver Portage under supervision
- the ability to apply Portage skills in one's own workplace
- knowledge of the history and local development of Portage
- knowledge of materials and resources
- confidence in working together using the Portage model
- awareness of the National Portage Association

Essential components of a Basic Portage Workshop:

Central to the course are the Portage Principles and the Three Circle Model of Portage. These are emphasised throughout the modules of the course.

- Introduction to Portage
- The Portage Home Visit
- Helping Children Learn – Using Clear Language
- Helping Children Learn – Planning for Success
- Helping Children Learn – Small Steps to Learning
- Planning, Recording and Sharing Activities
- Play and Generalisation
- Understanding and Responding to Children's Behaviour
- Plenary

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