

**Counselling for Sight Loss (CFSL)**

**Two-day Online Training**

RNIB is working across sector to develop an accreditation scheme that will give a badge of good practice to counsellors who have completed a RNIB two-day training course and have committed to a developmental plan that enables blind and partially sight people to access their counselling services.

This course is designed to help better understand how to support clients who have sight loss. It is a two-day course, which requires attendance on both days. Days will run from 9.30am to 4.30pm. The course is free of charge and accessible online via MS Teams.

**Day One** gives an overview of different eye conditions and explains how these conditions impact on communication. It also examines the practicalities of setting up an accessible counselling space for someone with sight loss.

**Day Two** looks at ways of working therapeutically with commonly identified issues for blind and partially sighted people.

**Demonstration of Learning and Future Steps**

At the end of the course, you will be asked to submit a reflective piece demonstrating your learning and outlining your future steps to support clients with sight loss. Successful completion of this, leads towards a Counselling for Sight Loss Accreditation, which is endorsed by RNIB and the wider VI sector charities.

The aim of the accreditation is to increase capacity of research informed counsellors who are specifically trained to work with clients with sight loss in the UK. Accredited Counsellors will be added to a client-facing register that will enable both self and organisational referrals.

If you are a qualified counsellor and interested in this course, please complete the application form using the link below. The first 12 applications received for each two-day course, which meet the criteria, will be accepted. You will be advised if your application is successful and you have a place on the course.

**CFSL Course Dates 2022 – January to August**

* January - Thursday 27th and Friday 28th 2022
* February - Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd 2022
* March - Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st 2022
* April - Thursday 28th and Friday 29th
* May - Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th
* June - Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th
* July - Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th
* August - Thursday 25th and Friday 26th

To apply please complete the application form:

[**Application Form**](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fDNFXZLR_EOqWAVVfJFxvFiNACm49GJEnYKq9uD70mBUNEdaRjNBUDFIRFRTMFBMNEFMRjlYNEtaOC4u)

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