



# Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

## Presented by Joanna Buckard

### About FASD:

Foetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) describes the range of disorders caused by prenatal alcohol exposure to the developing foetus. Research suggests that more than 7000 babies are born every year in the UK with FASD. Some local authorities estimate that around 70% of the children needing adoptive families have drug/alcohol misuse in their background or have been exposed during pregnancy. Prenatal exposure to alcohol can have a significant impact on areas of cognition, language, behaviour, social skills, attention and the sensory system.

### About the course:

This course is an introduction to FASD and will cover the following areas:

- Identify the causes and long term effects of FASD
- Explain the difference between FAS (Foetal Alcohol Syndrome) and FASD
- Identify the behaviours and needs of someone with FASD throughout their different life stages
- Understand how to get a diagnosis
- Understand how those affected can best be supported and identify strategies to achieve this.

### Suitable for:

This training is suitable for both professionals and parents.

### About the Trainer

Joanna Buckard is a specialist trainer and qualified Health and Social Care lecturer and has been working in the social care sector for 20 years. She previously worked for a Social Services Children and Families assessment team and as a Residential Social Worker for children with significant emotional and behavioural problems.

Joanna has spoken at various conferences throughout the UK, taken part in and consulted on 2 FASD films, written FASD booklets and presented at international conferences. She has also presented to the Duke of Kent and High Sherriff of Cheshire and spoken in the House of Commons at the APPG on FASD.

Joanna also arranged Pregnant Pause Events working with members of the public, an actor, MP and students to raise awareness about FASD. You tube films were made about these which went viral. She has been interviewed on ITV news, quoted in newspapers, Midwives Magazine and in an FASD book.

**Date:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

**Times:** 9.30am to 3.30pm

**Venue:** Online

**Price:** £140 plus VAT, (£168 inc VAT)

**Booking:** For further information or to book please visit [www.adoptionplus.co.uk/training](http://www.adoptionplus.co.uk/training) or contact Scott Casson-Rennie on 07468 012356 or [scott.cassonrennie@adoptionplus.co.uk](mailto:scott.cassonrennie@adoptionplus.co.uk)