

Travel Training Seminar



One-day seminar for education, social services and transport managers, planners, and service users

Programme

- 09:00** Registration & Coffee
- 09:30** Welcome
Richard Armitage, *Transport Consultant*
- 09:35** Benefits of travel training
Ann Frye, *Mobility & Inclusion Unit, Department for Transport*
Comments & questions
- 10:05** Travel training in the UK today: overview
Dr Pip Logan, *NHS R&D National Primary Care Training Fellow, Nottingham University*
Dave Morris, *Senior Coordinator Disability Equality, Greater London Authority*
Comments & questions
- 11:00** Coffee break
- 11:20** Travel training: from London to North America
Patti Voorhees, *Travel Instructor, Delaware, USA*
Travel Training in the London Borough of Greenwich – experience of a customer, a travel trainer, and a team leader
Comments & questions
- 12:30** Lunch
Displays of travel training programmes and audio-visual aids

Each Workshop will run twice, so delegates can attend two out of four topics:

Workshop A:

How should travel training in London be commissioned?

Workshop B:

How should travel training in London be delivered?

Workshop C:

How should travel training in London be funded?

Workshop D:

How should the travel training curriculum in London be set?

13:30 Workshop session one (ends 14:25)

14:35 Workshop session two (ends 15:30)

15:30 Tea break

15:50 Panel: travel training in London - the next moves

Comments, questions and debate, and concluding remarks

16:30 Go home

For further details and bookings, contact:

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Tuesday 24 August 2004 Regent's College (Tube: Baker Street)

TRAVEL TRAINING

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**Regent's College, Regent's Park, central London
Tuesday, 24th August 2004 09.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.**

Registration from 9.00 a.m. The Seminar will start promptly at 9.30 a.m. and finish by 4.30 p.m.

I will be attending the Seminar

My name and address:

(Are these details correct? If not please change them on this sheet & please fill in any blank sections)

Name:

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Please provide full details if address or telephone are different to the above:

If you have questions about transport to the Seminar, or wish to inform us of your personal requirements, please call us straightaway.

Please return this form now - preferably by fax - to:-

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Travel Training Workshop



A Workshop for people already involved in travel training or who want to introduce it in their area

10:15 Registration and Refreshments

10:30 Introduction

Stream A:

For teachers and parents

- How to build travel training into the current curriculum
- How to teach basic travel and related concepts
- How to foster independence: strategies for implementing basic concepts in the home and school environment
- Analysing the environments for community lessons, key concepts and safety considerations.

Stream B:

For travel trainers and funders of travel training

- Fundamentals of travel training
- Assessment process
- Teaching strategies for people who have:
 - High functioning autism or Asperger's
 - Learning disabilities
 - Mobility impairments
- Documentation - how to, and the importance of
- Working with families and carers.

13:00 Buffet Lunch

14:00 Afternoon Session - For everyone.

- What qualities and competencies are essential for a travel trainer
- What constitutes a high quality travel training programme (for the people receiving the training)
- How to foster independence for your students with disabilities: the inter-relationship between the classroom teacher, the parents, and the travel trainer
- How to teach problem-solving skills: the "Guided Discovery Approach"
- The collaborative process: the common goals of transport and education

16:00 Review and feedback

Has the day been useful? Tell us what you think.

16:15 Close.

Wednesday 25 August 2004 Windsor House, Victoria Street

Delivering high quality travel training

Travel training can enable people to gain the skills and the confidence to travel independently by public transport - by bus, by taxi, or on "assisted travel" services, such as dial-a-ride.

This Workshop is for people already involved with travel training or who want to introduce it:

- Travel Trainers
- Parents
- Teachers
- Local Education Authorities
- Home-to-School Transport Managers
- Community Transport Operators

The workshop will be lead by two very experienced North American travel trainers. **Patti Voorhees** has been at the forefront of the development and delivery of independent travel training for many years. **Jay Furlong**, previously Chief Officer of Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, is an expert in working with students with mobility impairments.

Booking your place

Attendance at this Travel Training Workshop is available free-of-charge to professional staff working in London or London residents. There are 40 places available.

To confirm your place, please complete the [Booking Form](#) and fax it straightaway to: Bookings Fax: 0161 367 9242

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Workshop Leaders

Patricia Voorhees M. Ed.

Patti Voorhees has been a travel trainer with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU), Pennsylvania, since 1985. She initiated, designed, and implemented the programme to teach students with disabilities, including persons with learning difficulties, to travel



independently within the community. She was previously a classroom teacher for students with disabilities.

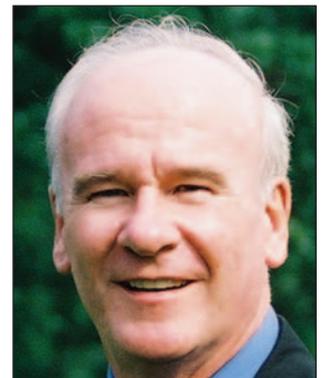
Patti Voorhees served on the National Steering Committee with Western Michigan University to develop competencies for Travel Trainers. She was the first President of the newly-formed Association of Travel Instruction (ATI).

Over the past fifteen years, Patti Voorhees has presented at numerous conferences, including the American Public Transportation Association, Accessible Pedestrian Signals: A Training Workshop for traffic engineers, and the Association of Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

She received the Annie Sullivan Award (for distinguished teaching) and the Promoting a Positive Image Award from the DCIU.

Jay Furlong M. Ed.

Jay Furlong is a certified special education teacher. He has been a travel trainer since 1999. Prior to this, he served a distinguished career in the field of public transport with Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). Beginning his career as a bus driver, he became Director of Operations, and then Chief Officer.



After taking early retirement, Jay Furlong became Manager of Training for Community Transit of Delaware County. He developed the training for newly-employed drivers, and a recertification programme for experienced drivers (which was certified by the Community Transportation Association of America). He also teaches the driving programmes of the National Safety Council and the Hartford Insurance Company.

Recently, he has written articles for the Association of Travel Instruction newsletter and presented at their national conferences. Currently, he is a member of the American Public Transportation Association subcommittee for wheelchair securements.

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