



The Independent Helpline for Special Educational Needs

# **From School Action Plus to Special Needs Tribunal: Your Path to Success Workshop**

**Saturday 27 March 2010 :: 09:30 – 17:00**

**St Mary's Church Hall :: Church Street Twickenham TW1 3NJ**  
(for directions, please go to <http://www.stmarytwick.org.uk>)

Appealing to SEND under the new Regulations has changed. Not only have the procedures altered and the underlying rules changed, but the decisions are becoming increasingly more concerned with costs than necessary educational provision.

This Workshop focuses on the practical issues of how parents and advocates deal with the Local Authority and/or the Special Needs Tribunal, and tells you how to optimise the preparation of materials for evidence. It will also help delegates to improve their chances of winning at a SEND Hearing. It will be invaluable for SEN Charities too, since the quality of evidence and presentation is most important to improving the chances of success. Parents' evidence has to be even more convincing and the schools they choose have to be able to demonstrate more forcibly why they are the appropriate option.

## **Who should attend?**

This Workshop has been designed for Parents and Carers and anyone who is considering, or in the process of, appealing to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal (SEND). It will help them optimise their presentation of materials for evidence and improve their representation skills at SEND Hearings.

It will also be invaluable for parent advocates, for SEN Charities, and for a range of professionals involved in SEN.

**We are fortunate to have secured the support of**

**John Friel**, SEN Barrister

**Melinda Nettleton**, Solicitor of SEN Legal Ltd

**Mary Robertson**, Independent Educational Psychologist

**Melinda Silson**, Independent Occupational Therapist

all of whom are expert in the field of SEND Appeals.

Workshop Fee: £55 per delegate, to include a buffet lunch  
(£45 per delegate if booking registered before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010)

An **Attendance Certificate** can be provided if required.  
Please indicate on the form if you would need one.

See the **Programme, Booking Form** and **contact details** attached

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**Programme** (subject to minor amendment)

09:30	<b>Coffee and Registration</b>	
10:00	<b>The new Tribunal Regulations: Your rights</b>	<b>Melinda Nettleton</b>
10:50	<b>16+ Transfer: Your options</b>	<b>John Friel Melinda Nettleton</b>
11:15	<b>Coffee</b>	
11:35	<b>The Legal Framework of Provision for Children with SEN : Your Basic Legal Rights</b>	<b>Melinda Nettleton</b>
12:00	<b>Tools and Strategies to use</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Assessment Reports</li><li>• Key Legal decisions</li><li>• What kind of School</li></ul>	<b>The SOS!SEN Team Mary Robertson Melinda Silson</b>
13:00	<b>Lunch</b> (sandwich lunch provided)	
14:00	<b>Preparing your Tribunal Appeal</b>	<b>The SOS!SEN Team</b>
15:00	<b>What to expect from Professionals' Reports</b>	<b>Mary Robertson Melinda Silson</b>
16:00	<b>Questions and Discussion</b> (tea and coffee available)	<b>All Panel Members</b>
17:00	<b>Close</b>	



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For further information and queries, contact  
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or just complete the Booking Form below.

**Use a separate form for each delegate**

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(£45 if booked by 1 March)

A buffet lunch will be included

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One Day Workshop  
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## Booking Form

Please reserve a place for

<b>Name</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>PostCode</b>			
<b>Telephone</b>			
<b>Mobile</b>			
<b>email (essential)</b>			
<b>I enclose cheque for</b>	<b>£</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tick here if you require a Certificate</b>

(please make cheques payable to **SOS! Special Educational Needs**)

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