



Look Before You Leap

Aim

To provide occupational therapists who are considering venturing into independent practice, with a broad understanding of the practical aspects of business set up and the opportunity to explore the rewards and challenges that it brings.

Outcomes

In the workshop delegates will:

1. discover the personal and business skills required for confident business development
2. explore how other occupational therapists have approached independent practice and applied different models of success
3. appraise the factors that impact on achieving a healthy cash flow
4. identify the practical requirements for managing finances
5. summarise the legal requirements for business set up
6. recognise the value of developing good customer relations
7. have an opportunity to reflect on their personal situation and determine whether independent practice is for them

Timetable

09:00-09.30

09:30-09:45

09:45-10:15

10:15-10:45

10:45-11:00

11:00-12:00

12:00-12.30

12:30-13:15

13:15-14:25

14:45-15:00

15:00-15.15

15:15-16:15

16:15-16:30

16:30

Registration and Coffee

Introductions

Rewards and challenges of independent practice

Business planning

Break

Creating a healthy cash flow

Promoting your business

Lunch

Putting the practicalities in place

Networking and support

Break

Personal experiences of occupational therapists in business

Reflection and sum up

Finish

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business start-up workshop

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