



CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING

Understanding the Charedi (Orthodox Jewish) Community

The Charedi (Orthodox Jewish) community is highly visible yet rarely understood. Known for its strong faith, close-knit families and distinctive lifestyle, it is guided by deep religious commitment, which can feel unfamiliar to those outside it. Without this understanding, services and professionals can unintentionally create barriers, making cultural awareness essential for meaningful engagement and support.

For over 20 years, Interlink has delivered cultural training sessions for statutory agencies, the wider voluntary sector and other partners, opening a window into a community that is often little understood.

This dynamic and eye-opening training gives participants a deeper understanding of the community and its norms, empowering them to engage with confidence and competence. You will hear directly from Charedi presenters and have the opportunity to ask questions in an open and respectful space, gaining real insight you won't find online or in books.

Sessions are customised to the commissioning organisation and can include a focus on health, safeguarding or another area of particular interest. We may include case studies from front-line work provided by our member organisations working in the relevant field.

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Course length

- 2 hrs 30 / 3 hrs / 3 hrs 30 / 5 hrs / 7 hrs / other*



Course content

- Historical context of the Charedi community in the UK
 - Demographics and socio-economic profile
 - Belief system and centrality of Torah in everyday life
 - Religious Practices and observance in action
 - Understanding the Jewish calendar, festivals and Sabbath
 - A peek into the life of a Charedi family
 - Social and cultural norms
 - What makes food Kosher
 - Community infrastructure that supports Charedi life
 - Key challenges and barriers when accessing services
 - Practical strategies to create positive community engagement
 - Interactive Q&A
- For longer trainings, option of including a tour element, where Charedi organisations/landmarks are visited, providing context to the training.



Location

- In person at our London N16 offices; or
- At clients' premises (travel time/expenses may incur an extra cost if not local); or
- via Zoom

*We highly recommend in-person trainings, to allow for an interactive and engaging experience.



Cost

- £600 for 2 hrs 30
- £700 for 3 hrs
- £800 for 3 hrs 30
- £1,000 for 5 hours
- £1,500 for 7 hours
- Other combinations can be negotiated

*Occasionally we are asked to provide shorter sessions. Please note that shorter sessions may not allow sufficient time for questions and discussion, and feedback from previous sessions often indicate that more time is needed to explore issues.

COMMUNITY WALKABOUT

for service
leaders



Duration

- 2 hrs - 5 hrs (various options available)



Content

Step inside one of the UK's most distinctive communities.

Our immersive community tours, or walkabouts, give public sector leaders and funders a rare chance to see the Charedi community up close, understand its culture, and explore the charities and organisations that support it. These tours are highly effective in helping service leaders gain an overview of the community and hear about areas directly relevant to their work.

A walkabout typically includes:

- Visits to several key community organisations and charities, offering insight to the community's needs and services
- A roundtable discussion with community groups, offering participants an opportunity to ask questions and collaborate
- (Optional: A presentation covering relevant information such as community infrastructure, demographics, barriers, challenges and cultural norms)

Walkabouts are tailored to the interests of delegates, ensuring a highly relevant and impactful experience.



Location

- Stamford Hill, London N16



Contact us for further details

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PREVIOUS CLIENTS

We are commissioned by the City & Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership to deliver training as part of their rolling annual training programme.

Some of our previous clients include:

- Barnet Children's Services
- BBC Children in Need
- Big Lottery Fund
- Charity Commission
- Department of Work and Pensions
- Hackney Children & Family Services
- Hackney Communication team
- Hackney Councillors and Cabinet members
- Hackney CVS Neighbourhoods
- Hackney Education
- Hackney Enforcement Team
- Hackney Library Services
- Hackney Parks & Leisure
- Hackney Public Health Team
- Hackney Senior Managers Network
- Haringey Safeguarding team
- Health Visitors
- HMRC
- Homerton Healthcare
- NHS
- Office for National Statistics
- Public Health England
- Revenue and Benefits
- Salford City Council
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- The Race Equality Foundation

We have delivered trainings to teams in:

- Barnet
- Essex
- Hackney
- Haringey
- Salford
- National teams



Interested in this training?

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