

# SEND - “Is the only answer to reform the reforms?”

The Eighth annual Summer Think Tank

19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019

The Manor House Hotel, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire GL56 0LJ

Staff College Think Tanks provide an opportunity to spend time with colleagues to engage in reflection, challenge, provocation and thinking time to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing the children’s sector.

The 2014 Children and Families Act ushered in what were announced as significant reforms to the system of support for children and young people with SEND. However, while the Act’s aims of greater child, and parental, involvement in decision-making and improved cross-service collaboration were largely well-received, in practice many in the SEND community have experienced great frustration in their encounters with the reformed system.

These experiences prompt some crucial questions: do the evident practical flaws in aspects of the system such as EHCPs and Local Offers, along with the clear differences between areas with regards to the quality of service provision, indicate that the current SEND legislation is in need of further reform? Is it a matter of leadership? How do we get out of this current situation and meet children’s needs well enough?

**Come and work this through together**



## Cost

Subscribing local authorities are entitled to one place for the DCS or their nominee free of charge on either of the Summer or Winter Think Tanks. A 15% discount also applies to any additional places for subscribing LA employees.

Package	Price
<b>Full package</b> <i>Includes both days, dinner, bed and breakfast</i>	£450 + VAT
<b>Monday only</b> <i>Includes attendance to the Monday (19<sup>th</sup>) sessions only</i>	£195 + VAT
<b>Tuesday only</b> <i>Includes attendance to the Tuesday (20<sup>th</sup>) sessions only</i>	£175 + VAT
<b>Dinner</b> <i>Includes dinner on 19<sup>th</sup></i>	£50 + VAT
<b>Bed &amp; Breakfast</b> <i>Includes bed and breakfast on 19<sup>th</sup></i>	£140 + VAT

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Places on the Think Tank are limited and are allocated on a first come, first served basis. To book a place, please complete the booking form and return it to [hello@thestaffcollege.uk](mailto:hello@thestaffcollege.uk).

Please note that this event is subject to our cancellation policy, which can be found [here](#).