

# <u>Motivational Interviewing (In-Person) Training: Intermediate - Condensed (https://www.activelink.ie/node/113194)</u>

When: Thursday, 15 May 2025 Where: Trinity College Dublin

Time: 10am – 4pm Lunch: Included Cost: €150

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## What is Motivational Interviewing (M.I.)?

M.I. is a conversation about change. It is a way to help someone, who is caught between different options, to move forward through reflective listening and empathy. Clinically, M.I. is a collaborative, goal-oriented style of communication with particular attention to the language of change. It is designed to strengthen motivation for and commitment to a specific goal by eliciting and exploring the person's own reasons for change (Miller & Rollnick, 2013).

### What does Intermediate Training involve?

There are two particular areas of focus: 'Complex Reflections' and 'Change Talk'. A person who talks about the benefits of change is more likely to make that change, whereas a person who argues and defends the status quo is more likely to continue his or her problematic behaviour (Miller & Rollnick, 2013). Effective use of 'Complex Reflections', in addition to a certain provider style, predicts decisions to change even during brief conversations. Clients may arrive with a certain range of readiness, but what the practitioner says beyond that makes a difference in how the person speaks, thinks, and ultimately chooses to act (Stinson & Clark, 2017). The goal of the condensed intermediate training is to build this ability and capacity in participants. The training is aimed at individuals who have completed an introductory course in M.I.

## **Learning Outcomes**

- 1. Enhanced understanding and application of 'Complex Reflections'
- 2. Identification and active promotion of 'Change Talk'
- 3. An ability to share information and ideas using Motivational Interviewing
- 4. A sound knowledge of bias and strategies needed to avoid roadblocks to change
- 5. Identification of future learning pathways

## Methodology:

Interactive/experiential-based including role play, intrapersonal and interpersonal activities, self-reflection and linguistic analysis.

#### **Facilitator:**

William Priestley is a member of the international 'Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers' (MINT) and delivers training to a wide range of groups. He has contributed to national social policy, presented before the OECD and delivered a vision of empowerment from the TED stage. He has been published in the *Irish Times* and appeared as a television panellist on a number of occasions. He has a Master of Education from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

#### **Certification:**

Participants will receive an eCertificate of Completion

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