

## **COSCA GROUP COUNSELLING SKILLS COURSE**

### **INFORMATION FOR THOSE WISHING TO DELIVER THE COURSE**

#### **COSCA Validation process**

The course can only be delivered by organisations that have applied for COSCA validation specifically for the COSCA Group Counselling Skills Course using the Specialist Course Validation application form (see the COSCA website: [www.cosca.org.uk](http://www.cosca.org.uk) -Validation).

The validation process is clearly described in the Specialist Course Validation Guidelines and Procedures.

#### **Who can teach this course**

COSCA assumes that you, the course trainer:

- Is a COSCA accredited trainer (Certificate/Diploma)
- are experienced in the use of counselling skills
- have experience of working with groups
- will be teaching this course in a group setting to people who already have basic counselling skills at least, and some experience of applying them
- are an individual member of COSCA.

A sole trainer must be accredited by COSCA to either Certificate or Diploma level within 18 months of the organisation being awarded Initial Validation.

Where organisations have a team of trainers, that team will be co-ordinated and supported by a COSCA Accredited Trainer and all other trainers will be committed to working towards trainer accreditation.

All trainers who are involved in the delivery of the course and who are not COSCA accredited as a trainer, are required to submit copies of their CVs to the COSCA Course Validation Panel for approval in advance of delivering the course and to become COSCA Accredited Trainers, Certificate or Diploma level, at the point of revalidation. When revalidation is applied for all trainers involved in the delivery of the course for more than 2 years prior to the revalidation deadline must be COSCA Accredited. Details of COSCA Course Validation and Trainer Accreditation are available on COSCA's website: [www.cosca.org.uk](http://www.cosca.org.uk) - Validation and Accreditation.

Trainers working with groups where participants with widely differing levels of training and experience are included will be asked to provide evidence of their competence to work with mixed groups.