

## Positive Options Limited News / Media Release



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**Subject:** **'AUTUMN FOCUS' SUCCESS! POSITIVE OPTIONS RUNS ITS FIRST NETWORKING EVENT FOR ITS LICENSED CENTRES**

The end of September 2011 saw Positive Options run its first ever **'Autumn Focus' Networking Event** for Licensed MAPA® Trainers and Approved Training Centre Coordinators. The Event was free of charge and delivered on Positive Options promise to provide added value to its Licensed Centres through facilitating networking opportunities combined with expert opinion.

Licensed MAPA® Trainers provide training to Health Care, Social Care and Education professionals in the use and reduction of physical interventions. 'Autumn Focus' was organised not only to offer learning opportunities to the delegates but to provide opportunities for trainers to meet fellow trainers working in different organisations and from different sectors to exchange information and ideas and to share good practice.

In addition to presentations from experts in the field of challenging behaviour and the management of aggression and violence, one speaker was described as **"genuinely inspiring and motivating"** the event also offered a selection of thought provoking workshops for delegates to take part in. In the spirit of collaboration that Positive Options is known for the five workshops were researched and delivered by Licensed MAPA® Trainers and covered a diverse range of subjects that included: *Appreciative Inquiry, Information Exchange, Ethical Decision Making, Proactive*

**Delegate sound bites included:**

- “Interesting workshops and credible speakers”
- “The presenter was genuinely passionate about the subject”
- “A great learning opportunity...an overdue opportunity to network”
- “It was a great day; can’t wait till next year”

**Lorraine Hilton**, Quality and Improvement Manager at Positive Options and organiser of the Event said “It’s been a challenge to organise but the positive feedback and enthusiasm from the delegates has been amazing, we will certainly be looking to make this an annual autumn event, even bigger and better next year!” She added “planning for ‘Autumn Focus 2012’ is already underway; we’ve made a great effort to understand those things that people told us we got right and the things that we could organise or do differently next time around”.

**Jeremy Boughey**, Chief Operating Officer at Positive Options added “the response from ATC Organisations exceeded our aspirations and the commitment from Workshop Leads to put the time and effort into running sessions was phenomenal”. He added “Positive Options recognises increasingly, particularly at times of economic hardship that we need to ensure that our training offerings and the options for providing these must provide good value for money for organisations; enabling excellent results in behaviour management is no longer sufficient to engage organisations in the long-term. We believe that the range of added value initiatives that we now offer; the Networking Event being only one of these, is moving in the right direction and customers appear to like our approaches.”

**Organisations that are considering ‘train the trainer’ solutions to meet their organisation’s needs in the management of challenging behaviour, aggression and violence can find out more about Positive Options BILD Accredited MAPA® Approved Training Centres and licensing arrangements by clicking [here](#).**



**Editorial Notes:**

Positive Options provides a range of specialist services to organisations in the education, social and health care sectors that support the organisation, its staff, and other carers in the course of their work with people. Positive Options’ philosophy and training practices are based upon the principles of person-centred thinking, action and excellence. Since 2004 Positive Options has directly trained over 50,000 people in the UK and other parts of Europe and double this amount through its 50+ licensed centres, in its MAPA® physical interventions approach. The Company is a subsidiary of CPI; an international training organisation committed to best practices and safe behaviour management methods that focus on prevention. Through a

variety of specialised offerings and innovative resources, CPI educates and empowers professionals to create safe and respectful work environments and enrich the lives of the individuals they serve. Since 1980, more than 6 million professionals around the world have participated in CPI training programs. CPI acquired Positive Options are part of its Group of Companies in April 2010.

Positive Options and CPI are also both accredited physical interventions training providers through the BILD Physical Interventions Accreditation Scheme since 2004. Positive Options was most recently reaccredited in 2011 and CPI in 2010. Click [here](#) for more information about BILD and its Accreditation Scheme.

Additional information about Positive Options is available at [positive-options.com](http://positive-options.com)

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