"There are some great trainers in solution-focused practice, and I think Guy is the very best!"

# Sue Young, author, Solution-Focused Schools

"Let me thank you for the brilliant training we received last week. I found the whole ethos, structure and delivery of Solution Brief Therapy totally motivating and inspiring, and know the training will be extremely useful in our service delivery to empower families."

## Assistant Children's Centre Co Ordinator

"Thanks again, it was certainly the most popular training we have had here and everyone is keen for more."

## Family Centre Worker

"I've just got back from a joint home visit to a family with a history of poor attendance and during the visit I used some of the things I learned over the last two days. What surprised me was how I just started to ask the questions, completely unintentionally I might add, and then moved on to use the scaling method. So now after using it I can see how easily it can fit in with our role and I can't wait to see the end results."

## Education Welfare Officer

"Thanks Guy, everyone enjoyed the courses, positive feedback is pouring in."

Training Commissioner, Mental Health Service

"Just wanted to drop you a note to let you know how much I enjoyed the course. I've been thinking about it loads since then, and have based the school inset I'm running around my understanding of solution-focused practice. It was a great course, really stimulating, challenging, focused and valuable - I loved it! It's given me a new focus and confidence about what I'm doing and why I'm doing it. So thanks again for all your patience, enthusiasm and energy throughout the two days"

Wellbeing Project Officer; Personnel and Training

"Your delivery and teaching style is fabulous. Clear, concise and informative. I found watching live therapy a good way to process the concept and a great way of learning. Again thanks a lot for a fab four days."

### Social worker

"At the conference, Guy gave a fabulous session on Team Coaching..."

### Coach and facilitator

"I am writing to thank you for your outstanding workshop that you conducted for the 2008 Conference on Solution Focused Practices."

Director, Office of Professional Development, The University of Texas

"Great session Guy – really well woven practice and video and reflection and time for questions and discussion. Thanks a lot!"

Principal Educational Psychologist

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for an amazing training experience. It was more than I could have hoped for and so powerful. The amount of practice that we did, and then your manner of teaching was very easy for me to understand and assimilate. So a great big thanks for that. And I would be more than interested in further training somewhere down the road. I try and not overwhelm myself with training and feel that I need to apply it to my work for a bit to get the most of out it, kind of like a SFBT conversation. The impact is not necessarily felt in the moment. The idea that I can put myself back on track with one question has been a game changer for me. And now I am feeling more confident as I work towards finding my voice within the model. I cannot thank you enough for that piece."

Lisa Blond Booth, Ontario, Canada 26 February 2021

"I found the Next Steps course really useful; maybe the most useful SF training I've had so far? I really loved it. I feel like it's shown me how to bring a simplicity and clarity to my work"

Matt Rider Family Based Solutions, London 22 February 2021

"I have known Guy for around 15 years, ever since I attended a 2 day BRIEF Solution Focused training event in Bristol. I remember this being a "Eureka" occasion for me and it was when I started to use SF approaches in my work as a teacher, Local Authority consultant and in many other aspects of my personal

and professional life. Since then I have invited Guy to Bath and North East Somerset to run training courses for education and health professionals and, most recently, for team members and young people from the organisation I now co-ordinate, Boys in Mind.

Guy's training has inspired me to use SF approaches to run the organisation, as its positive and hopeful approach lends itself to an organisation campaigning to empower - and promote positive images of - boys and young men.

As an ex-modern languages teacher, I like Guy's interactive training style. From the very beginning of any training session he delivers, participants are immediately practising the skills which Guy assumes we all have, learning to listen more intently with a constructive ear, identifying strengths in ourselves and others, offering feedback about what people have done well, and imagining a preferred future, a much needed practice in these troubling times.

Guy's sessions are also creative and fun. There is often music at the beginning and end of sessions and his philosophy is that learning and practising new skills is an enjoyable and rewarding experience and a great way to bond with new people on the training.

I attended the recent Solution Focused two day Conference at Bath Spa University, designed and developed by Guy and his friend and colleague Rob Black, and I can't think of a conference I've enjoyed more or found more useful. When you are awake at 6.30 in the morning on the day after the conference, watching videos of Lucy Johnstone talking about the Power Threat Meaning Framework, you know you've been to something special.

On a personal level Guy is approachable, considerate and reliable. One of our Youth Advisors became very enthused by SF at the conference and, having met and chatted to Guy over a post-conference drink, was delighted to be sent a copy of Guy's book. They are still in contact and planning blog writing ventures. Highly recommended!"

Kate Murphy, Co-ordinator, Boys in Mind January 2020