

Shropshire Virtual School

Spring term 2026

Training overview for foster carers, PLAC parents and Kinship carers

Training title	Date and time	Venue	Overview	Click the icon below to register
Understanding and supporting transitions	20 th January 2026 9:30am-12pm	Online	This training event has been co-designed with care-experienced young people and explores the various transition phases in the care journey and how to manage them effectively. By the end of this session, participants will identify the challenges that young people face during transition periods and be equipped with knowledge and tools to be able to support children and young people effectively at these times.	
Supporting care-experienced young people on their journey to higher education	22 nd January 2026 9:30am-12pm	Online	This training event provides helpful information about the process of applying to university for careexperienced young people and how to ensure they are supported onto and during their HE journey. By the end of the session participants will be able to identify how to help young people overcome the potential barriers; have greater knowledge of the UCAS application process; and have a wider understanding statutory and local entitlements relating to HE.	
Emotion coaching for carers	24 th February 2026 10am-2pm	Whitchurch room, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HB The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury,	A session for parents and carers to learn about and practice, Emotion Coaching techniques which will support managing, behaviour and relationships. Delivered by Dr Eleanor Tomlinson, Educational Psychologist.	

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Understanding and supporting transitions	25 th February 2026 9:30am- 12pm	Online	<p>This training event has been co-designed with care-experienced young people and explores the various transition phases in the care journey and how to manage them effectively. By the end of this session, participants will identify the challenges that young people face during transition periods and be equipped with knowledge and tools to be able to support children and young people effectively at these times.</p>	
Making a difference at PEPs – Early years – KS4	11 th March 2026 1-2:30pm	Teams	<p>Every one of our young people deserves a good quality Personal Education Plan (PEP)</p> <p><i>Come and meet our Virtual School Teacher who leads on PEPs for the Shropshire Virtual School and find out:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>all about PEPs – what are they and why are they important?</i> • <i>how the carer's role is key</i> • how you can be well prepared for the PEP meeting <p><i>Bring along your questions, e.g.:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I know if my child is doing well or not? • How can we use Pupil Premium + ? 	
Making a difference at PEPs – KS5	12 th March 2026 1-2:30pm	Teams	<p>Our New Shropshire KS5 PEP launched on 2nd September 2024.</p> <p>Essential KS5 PEP training is happening NOW.</p> <p>Free online training for colleges, social care practitioners and carers for KS5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See a demonstration of the new PEP • Be aware of what is changing 	

- A chance to ask any questions

**We aim for every one of our Looked After Children to have
a Good Quality PEP with your help.**