

MEDIATION

HELP MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FINANCES

Mediation helps separated parents make arrangements for their children and/or their finances. It aims to avoid lengthy and expensive court proceedings and allows you the opportunity to discuss things in a neutral and safe environment.

9AM - 5PM
MON - FRI

ROLE OF THE MEDIATOR

- Help you and your ex-partner put forward your views and proposals.
- Give legal information.
- Encourage discussions that will help you move forward amicably.
- Assist in understanding legal options and steps.

The Mediator will not make decisions on your behalf or force you to agree to something you do not feel will work well.

THE PROCESS

..... CALL FOR INFORMATION

We are happy to talk to you about the service, any further steps are up to you.

..... MEDIATION INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT MEETING (MIAM)

Separate MIAM's with your Mediator. An opportunity to discuss your situation and decide the next step for you and your family.

..... ATTEND A JOINT SESSION/S

2-4 sessions of Mediation is usual. People will often take time between sessions to consider options / trial arrangements / obtain legal advice.

..... CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS

The Mediator will summarise any proposals that you have reached and intend to fulfil.

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WHEN TO CONTACT US?

You may have recently separated, or been apart for years. Feel free to contact us at any stage, for any issue, big or small. Beginning discussions about your children or your finances is always a positive step to take, so don't feel that it is ever too early or too late to find out about Family Mediation.

TYPES OF ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements for children such as:

- Time spend with parent's each week
- Holidays or Christmas
- Communication as parents

Division of assets such as:

- The Family Home
- Pensions
- A business

Other problems such as:

- Divorce Proceedings
- Debt
- Child Maintenance
- Grandparents keeping in touch

CHILD CONSULTATIONS

We also offer Child Inclusive Mediation. This gives children the opportunity to meet with a Mediator to talk about their wishes. Research shows that children greatly benefit from having a voice through separation and this process allows that. A Child Consultation will only go ahead following a discussion with, and after signed permission from parents.