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## Fee

The total cost will be £550 plus VAT.  
For non-European Union applicants, VAT will not be charged.

## How to apply

Applications can be made

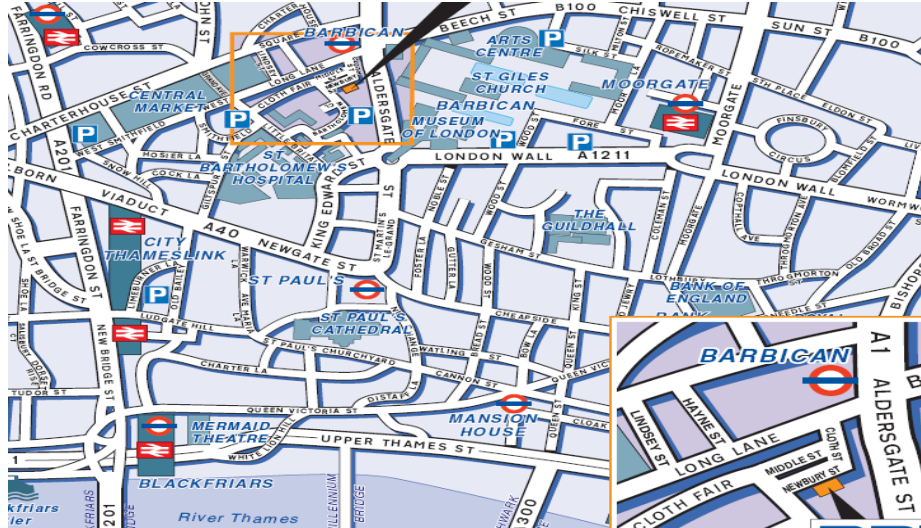
- via our website [www.brief.org.uk](http://www.brief.org.uk)
- by completing a booking form available from BRIEF by post or email.

## Accommodation

All types of accommodation are available near to BRIEF with something to suit most pockets. Contact us and ask for our accommodation list.

## More information

For more information about the Summer School or any other BRIEF courses look at [www.brief.org.uk](http://www.brief.org.uk) or phone, email or write to



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## International Summer School 16-20 August 2010

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## The second BRIEF International Summer School 16 - 20 August 2010

An intensive, multi-faceted learning event for solution focused practitioners at all levels to develop their skills and have fun in equal measure. Since BRIEF was established in 1989 every year has seen a change in how we talk about, and how we do, solution focused brief therapy. Twenty one years on our passion is undimmed and our pursuit of a dynamic minimalism is as committed as ever. Year by year we have questioned every aspect of our practice and our thinking behind it, we have experimented by dropping what we think might be unnecessary, sometimes to return to what we have dropped and sometimes to leave it behind.

Each time a particular practice has been discontinued we have found ourselves attending more closely to other aspects of our conversations with clients. So far, there has always been something to question and something new to learn. This Summer School will become part of BRIEF's journey.

### Who can attend the Summer School?

Anyone interested in the solution focused approach, who likes the idea of mixing with like-minded others from all over the world, and who fancies spending a week in London in August. Beginners and the most experienced solution focused practitioners are equally welcome.

### Where is it taking place?

The school will be taking place at BRIEF's base in the heart of London. On the edge of the historic City, less than ten minutes walk from St Paul's Cathedral and fifteen from the River Thames, BRIEF is nestled between St Bartholomew's Hospital, which has been providing medical care continuously for over 900 years, the priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, half demolished by Henry VIII, Smithfield Market, a Victorian splendour continuing a thousand year old non-vegetarian trade. In contrast the Barbican Arts Centre, five minutes walk away sits in one of London's most loved and hated 'concrete jungles'. The area is depicted in the works of Samuel Johnson and Charles Dickens and more recently in films such as *Shakespeare in Love* and *Closer*.

### A developing programme

The exact content and shape of the week will be drafted much closer to the time and what actually happens will depend on the interactions between all involved. BRIEF's training has always been participant-centred. We see solution focused brief therapy as a craft – something that can only be learned by *doing* and where each doing leads to new possibilities for practice. There is no end to what we know, only a continuing journey.

What is certain is that the week will be packed with variety; it will be hard work, practical and fun.

There will be

- exercises, exercises and more exercises, taking the best from our vast and constantly replenishing repertoire of skill-developing activities.
- taped sessions illustrating every aspect of our practice with virtually every client group of interest to participants.
- live therapy sessions with BRIEF clients
- coaching sessions with course participants
- discussion, comparison and debate about the many forms solution focused practice now takes

### Extra-curricular activities

We won't crowd your free time but we will offer a few inexpensive social events: a meal out together, a little light tourism, a pub evening and there will be plenty more things to suit everyone's idea of a good time. Suggestions from participants beforehand will be welcome.