

Think Like a Pony Club Associate Training

TRAINING THE TRAINERS TO INSPIRE
THE NEXT GENERATION





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The Think Like a Pony Vision





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The Philosophy

Our philosophy centres around educating young people in how to develop a relationship with the horse which is built on respect, trust and a sense of responsibility for one's own behaviour and communication

We are a leading organisation in the field of equine therapy, pony training and children's natural horsemanship.

Through educating young people in how to communicate with a pony and ride in balance, we empower them to develop confidence, resilience and powerful communication skills.

Our approach is inclusive of all children and is proven to be life changing for vulnerable children referred through social services, schools and the NHS's mental health services.



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The Vision of The Think Like a Pony Club

To reach out to equestrian families across the world and educate them in how to care for their horses holistically, as well as ride and train in an empathetic, respectful way.

To provide an educational framework so that riding schools and freelance instructors can offer a non-traditional approach for their students, raising the level of welfare and education in the equestrian industry.

To support the engagement and personal development of children with mental health difficulties and social and emotional needs at equine therapy centres.



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Club Associate Training Objectives

To train equestrian professionals to deliver the Think Like a Pony Club syllabus to their current and new clients through primarily online training.

To train non-professionals to a professional level through a combination of online training and in-person training sessions, weighted more heavily in practical support and mentouring.

To provide ongoing support to enable this team of professionals to inspire the next generation through the Think Like a Pony approach.



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The Syllabus



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The Three Training Modules

All training is through video lessons that take trainees through step-by-step training on how to deliver each Club badge to a child. In further online assessment, trainees will access personalised feedback and support from Lynn Henry, founder of Think Like a Pony, and senior members of her team.



Video lesson training to deliver the 'On the Ground' practical badges



Video lesson training to deliver the 'In the Saddle' practical badges



Access to a library of video footage to support delivery of science badges



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Video Training



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Practical Badges

There are two blocks of training for the practical badges:

- Block 1 - training to deliver the On the Ground Badges
- Block 2 - training to deliver the In the Saddle Badges

It is possible to complete Block 1 and be accredited to deliver only the On the Ground Badges. This is primarily for Equine Therapy practitioners who may not wish to teach riding.

For anyone wishing to complete Block 2 (In the Saddle), Block 1 (On the Ground) must be completed and passed first.



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Who is this Training Open to?

This training is primarily tailored for equestrian professionals. This could be individuals working in sectors such as equine therapy, freelance instruction or riding school tuition. In order to be accepted on the course as a professional, individuals must be able to demonstrate that they are already insured and practising as a professional in the industry.

For individuals wishing to complete the course who are not already professionals, they can do so for their own personal development or to enable them to better support their own children working through the Think Like a Pony Club. In this case, they would not be classed as a Club Associate. If a non-professional wishes to take this to become a Club Associate, in addition to the online training, they would need to complete a minimum of 50 days of additional in-house training.

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Webinars

Webinars in Blocks 1 and 2 are both built around the Club website syllabus of practical badges.

1 Badge Submission

Instructors complete a practical badge online as a club member.

2 Badge Feedback

Lynn Henry and senior members of her team mark video assessments and send feedback.

3 Club Associate Video Lesson Training

On passing this badge, video lesson training is unlocked. The trainee will be sent video lessons to train them in teaching the badge skills.

4 Practical Assessment

Following instructions on an assessment briefing sheet, trainee sends in video footage of themselves teaching the skills required for a practical Club badge.

5 Video Assessment Feedback

Lynn Henry and senior members of her team mark video assessments and send feedback. On passing this assessment, the next badge and video lesson training is unlocked.



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In-House Training



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Training at Think Like a Pony HQ

At the end of each block Club Associates will be invited to spend one week at Think Like a Pony HQ. Training during this week will include:

- a minimum of 15 hours personalised training with Lynn Henry and her team of instructors
- the opportunity to shadow Lynn and her team
- co-teaching opportunities alongside Think Like a Pony instructors with direct teacher training, feedback and mentoring

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You will be assessed throughout your personalised training. If you do not pass your assessment, you will be invited back to the centre at a later date to retake your assessment. You will not be charged if you need to retake your assessment a second time.



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The Science Badges



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Supporting you to deliver educational pony days

The Science Badges educate and empower children to develop a scientific understanding of horses and all other mammals. As children explore the anatomical and psychological similarities and differences between us and the horse, they develop a deep sense of empathy and respect.

We will provide all training individuals with access to a library of video lessons of these sessions being taught by Lynn Henry. Along with ongoing access to the Club website, this will equip Club Associates to deliver these sessions themselves to both mainstream students and students accessing therapeutic support.

These sessions are particularly powerful in re-engaging young people in education and learning.

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Pricing Structure



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Prices

Required for all trainees

Block 1 - £1350 Access to a library of videos to deliver science badges and ongoing Club membership are included with no additional charge.

Block 2 - £1150

Individuals who already have training to professional standard in the equestrian industry only need to attend Block 1 or Block 1 or 2 to qualify as a Club Associate. Anyone starting from a non-professional baseline needs to also attend block 3. Block 3 can run alongside Blocks 1 and 2.

Required for only non-professionals

Block 3 - £4500 Block 3 includes a minimum of 200 hours of in-person training and mentouring.

Club Associate trainees will have their own student login access to the Club, this is included in the cost of training.

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After Training

Ongoing support for Club Associates is provided. Associates are welcome at Think Like a Pony Leeds at anytime to observe, co-teach or access personalised CPD sessions. Observing and co-teaching is welcomed at no extra cost. CPD or top up sessions are charged at £130 per day.

There is no ongoing license fee for Club Associates. Any young person a Club Associate is teaching must be a Club member. The recommended subscription level for individuals being taught by a Club Associate is £15 per month for the student (gold membership).

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To start your application, contact
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