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BE A SUCCESSFUL  
CELEBRANT?

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Becoming an independent celebrant is not a career choice for everyone.

Candidates for the UK Society of Celebrants celebrant training courses would benefit from having had experience speaking in public or at least having no reservations with the prospect of speaking in public.

Similarly, access to and confidence in the use of a computer (to access the internet and word processing) will be of a considerable benefit to all candidates.

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# TERMINOLOGY

Arguably, there is confusion within the celebrant industry with regards to terminology used when referring to celebrants. To alleviate this confusion we have simplified the terms that follow in order that anyone reading this is clear of our interpretation.

A **family celebrant** is a celebrant that can design, write and deliver wedding ceremonies / civil partnership ceremonies, Renewal of Vows ceremonies, naming ceremonies and any other life event ceremonies that are conventionally accepted as being joyous and happy in nature. People referred to as a wedding celebrant can also be known as a family celebrant.

## RELIGION?

The United Kingdom Society of Celebrants caters predominantly for secular celebrants, that is to say that religion is of little significance in our training and practice. That said, we have trained many celebrants who come from a wide range of faith backgrounds that have gone on to develop niches in specific ethnic / cultural groups.

A **funeral celebrant** is a celebrant that can design, write and officiate over a funeral ceremonies, memorials, commemorations or other life event ceremonies that are conventionally accepted as dealing with a death or loss.

A **civil celebrant** is a celebrant who can practice as both a family and funeral celebrant. All the above definitions may also be prefixed with one or more of the following as is your want: independent, secular, humanist, non-denominational, spiritual or atheist to name but a few.





# COURSE OPTIONS

The United Kingdom Society of Celebrants has developed a series of celebrant training courses for prospective and practicing independent celebrants.

This training will equip candidates with all they need to embark on a rewarding career as an independent celebrant specialising in one or even all of the following.

- **Wedding Ceremonies**
- **Civil Partnership Ceremonies**
- **Funeral Ceremonies**
- **Naming Ceremonies**
- **Life Event Ceremonies**

Our civil celebrant training encompasses both our family and funeral celebrant training packages.

All courses have been written by and are delivered by experienced practicing independent civil celebrants with formal teaching experience too.

**We offer three formal courses for prospective celebrants:**

**Option 1**

Diploma in Family and Funeral Celebrancy

**Option 2**

Certificate in Funeral Celebrancy

**Option 3**

Certificate in Family Celebrancy



# TRAINING OPTIONS

Two training methods are utilised to deliver our celebrant courses. You choose when and how you will learn. Each course can be delivered via any of the methods below.

## **Option A: Distance Learning**

4 to 16 week computer based Guided Learning Programmes  
Live Tutorial Support (Zoom / Skype)

### **Includes:**

Course Materials  
Workbooks  
Assessments  
Resource Pack  
1 Year UKSOC Membership  
Ongoing mentoring  
Directory profile page



## **Option B : Fast Track (Distance Learning)**

3-5 day training depending on course choice  
8 hours online per day  
4-6 hours homework per day  
Includes: As in Option A

## **Option C : Group Training Residential Courses**

3-5 day training depending on course choice  
8 hours classroom per day with a maximum of 2 other candidates  
4-6 hours homework per day  
Includes: As in Option A

Each of the above options are comprehensive and interactive with an emphasis on practice, feedback and coaching in a safe, encouraging environment

# CELEBRANT

## COURSE OPTIONS

Here at the United Kingdom Society of Celebrants we have three celebrant courses for you to choose from.

- You may be new to celebrancy and want a comprehensive grounding in your chosen discipline, be it as a funeral celebrant, a family celebrant or a civil celebrant (funeral and family celebrancy)
- You may already be a funeral celebrant or family celebrant and wish to add to your portfolio of skills.
- You may already be a civil celebrant and wish to further develop your existing skills.
- What follows are your three celebrant course choices with a brief outline of their content.

**Family & Funeral  
Celebrant Training**  
52%

**Funeral  
Celebrant Training**  
20%

**Family  
Celebrant Training**  
28%

Course choices  
(Nov 2021-Nov 2022)

# FAMILY & FUNERAL CELEBRANCY

## Family Celebrancy

- Family celebrant legalities in the UK
- Family celebrant interview checklists
- Wedding ceremony outline
- Naming Ceremony Outline
- Civil partnership / Vow renewal / commitment ceremonies
- Working with venues
- Family celebrant menu
- Costs and fees
- Planning and communications
- Client QandA
- Celebrant FAQ's
- Using music / video
- Ceremony elements (jumping the broom, handfasting, unity rituals, scrolls etc)
- Ceremony aide memoir (appearance, timings, problem solving)



## Funeral Celebrancy

- Meetings with the bereaved
- Assisting the bereaved
- Funeral celebrant interview checklists
- Funeral ceremony planning and communications
- Funeral ceremonies for the elderly
- Funeral ceremonies for the young
- Funeral ceremonies for children
- Funeral ceremonies for infants / stillbirths / suicides
- Funeral ceremonies with no body
- Memorial & remembrance ceremonies
- Utilising music / poetry / eulogies / tributes / reading resources
- Eulogy construction
- Client QandA
- Celebrant FAQ's
- Costs and fees
- Ceremony aide memoir (appearance, timings, problem solving)
- Working with funeral directors and crematoria
- Scattering ashes / Interments
- Eco / Natural burials
- Resomation / Terramation

## Miscellaneous

- Homework, projects, roleplay and assessments
- Ceremony planning and writing
- Checklists / anatomy / formatting
- Public speaking and presentation skills
- Equipment, materials and resources
- Marketing your services
- Social media, blogging, websites, profiles and SEO



# COURSE OUTLINE

## CERTIFICATE IN FUNERAL CELEBRANCY

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# TYPES OF TRAINING

Here at the UK Society of Celebrants we have three celebrant training methods for you to choose from.

Our **Distance Learning** courses are our most popular courses.

These courses allow the student to set their own timetable; are the most cost effective and are also the most thorough and enjoyable according to student feedback.



Our **Fast Track** Distance Learning courses can be held at a time of the students choosing in the comfort of their own home. Once again these courses are very intensive, necessitating at least 12+ hours work per day.

Our **Group Training** Residential courses are held monthly and usually start on a Monday at our Sheffield Head Office. Once again these courses are very intensive, necessitating at least 12+ hours work per day.

# COURSE FEES

## DISTANCE LEARNING

Our **Distance / Guided Learning** courses can be taken at a time and place to suit you.

The courses are computer based with live on-line / telephone mentoring and support as required, with up to 40 hours (subject to course choice) 1:1 with your tutor.

The courses can range from 4-16 weeks in duration.

**Certificate in Family Celebrancy**  
(4 to 8 weeks) **£1085**  
or **£376** per month (3 months)

**Certificate in Funeral Celebrancy**  
(8 to 10 weeks) **£1085**  
or **£376** per month (3 months)

**Diploma in Family & Funeral Celebrancy**  
(12 to 16 weeks) **£1935**  
or **£495** per month (4 months)

### A note to delegates

You will have on-line access to all learning materials and resources prior to starting your course.

Our delegates have found this course to be the most cost effective and flexible training option.

In order to complete our **Distance Learning** celebrant courses you **must** be computer literate with regard to the most common applications (MS Office, Adobe, Zoom / Skype, web browsers, email, social media facilities etc) have a computer with a live internet connection with a web camera and microphone.



# COURSE FEES

## FAST TRACK

## DISTANCE LEARNING

All **Fast Track** courses are conducted online via Zoom or Skype and are hosted and delivered by your nominated tutor.

Each day will consist of a full working day on-line with your tutor followed by 4-6 hours homework, except on your final day.

### Certificate in Family Celebrancy

The 3 day course will comprehensively cover ALL aspects of family celebrancy.  
£1285

### Certificate in Funeral Celebrancy

The 3 day course will comprehensively cover ALL aspects of funeral celebrancy.  
£1285

### Diploma in Family & Funeral Celebrancy

This 5 day course combines both the family and funeral celebrancy courses above.  
£2135

### A note to delegates

You will have on-line access to all learning materials and resources prior to starting your course.

In order to complete our **Fast Track** celebrant courses you **must** be computer literate with regard to the most common applications (MS Office, Adobe, Zoom / Skype, web browsers, email, social media facilities etc) have a computer with a live internet connection with a web camera and microphone.

# COURSE FEES

## GROUP TRAINING

### RESIDENTIAL

All **Group Training** courses are conducted in person and are hosted and delivered by your nominated tutor at our Head Office in Sheffield. Groups have no more than 3 candidates.

Each day will consist of a full working day in the classroom, with up to two other candidates and your tutor followed by 4-6 hours homework (except final day).

#### Certificate in Family Celebrancy

The 3 day course will comprehensively cover ALL aspects of family celebrancy.

£1385

#### Certificate in Funeral Celebrancy

The 3 day course will comprehensively cover ALL aspects of funeral celebrancy.

£1385

#### Diploma in Family & Funeral Celebrancy

This 5 day course combines both the family and funeral celebrancy courses above.

£2435

#### A note to delegates

You will have on-line access to all learning materials and resources prior to starting your course.

In order to complete our **Residential** celebrant courses you **must** be computer literate with regard to the most common applications (MS Office, Adobe, Zoom / Skype, web browsers, email, social media facilities etc). **Candidates are advised to bring their own laptop computer / tablet with keyboard with them.**

# TESTIMONIALS

## Julia Hill | Family and Funeral Celebrant

For close on eight years now, I have been working as a family and funeral celebrant. With excellent training in place by UKSOC and a trusted mentor always available if needed, I have been privileged to conduct ceremonies for folks from all walks of life, all situations. The sharing of these stories is always a great honour - and in this my life story is enriched beyond measure. This has truly changed my life.

Choosing to train through the United Kingdom Society of Celebrants, has by far been the best and most life changing decision I have ever made. The training and mentorship are of the highest quality, and ongoing support means I never have to face a situation without being prepared. UKSOC remain committed to excellence on all levels and push me as a member to always go above and beyond; remaining committed to what I do on every level.



# Cindy Groves | Family and Funeral Celebrant

I trained as a civil celebrant in 2014 and have loved being a celebrant from the start. It is the start. It is the interaction with humanity that brings me joy. I get the most satisfaction from a funeral, but a good wedding is uplifting and helps to ring the changes.

The UK Society of Celebrants is a good organisation, the mentors and team are supportive and a pleasure to work with.

I am regularly complimented on the quality of my work and this is down to the thorough training and ongoing advice from my colleagues.



## BOOK NOW

You can select your course and register for it by clicking [here](#).



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