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Contact and Identity in Adoption

After Adoption's National Conference 2011
Tuesday 12th April 2011, Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff

Explore themes of contact and identity in adoption from all perspectives, with professionals, academics, birth parents and young people.

Key Learning Themes

- To understand the link between contact and identity in adoption
- To understand contact from all perspectives and how this impacts on a child's identity
- To promote reflection, sharing and partnership working
- To learn from those who have first hand experience of the importance of contact and identity

Key Learning Outcomes

- Improved understanding of the role of contact for children and their families in establishing identity
- Awareness raising of how identity is formed
- Increased commitment to supporting the lifelong impact of adoption for all parties.



Includes adoption book stall by Academy books

Programme

- 9.15 Registration and Refreshments
- 9.45 *Introduction and Welcome*
Lynn Charlton
- 9.55 *Children's feelings about adoption and how adoptive parents can help*
Dr. Beth Neil
- 10.35 *The impact of social networking on adoption*
Eileen Fursland
- 11.10 Break
- 11.40 Workshops
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 *The impact of contact on infants during care proceedings: insights from a research study*
Jeanne Kaniuk
- 2.05 *Contact and Adoption: The Irish Context*
Dr Simone McCaughren
- 2.40 Workshops
- 3.30 *Closing comments*
Lynn Charlton
- 3.45 Refreshments

Keynote Speakers

Lynn Charlton, *Chair*

Chief Executive of After Adoption, Lynn is originally from a social work and counselling background and has specialised in adoption and permanency since 1987. She has worked with all groups touched by adoption and adoption support, from birth parents and adoptive families, to children of all ages in the care system. She is co-author of 'Still Screaming' a pioneering book that looks at the perspective of birth parents in adoption.

Dr Beth Neil

Children's feelings about adoption and how adoptive parents can help

Elsbeth (Beth) Neil (BSc., MA, Dip.Sw., PhD) is a senior lecturer in Social Work at the University of East Anglia, Norwich. Beth's keynote will draw on her research with adopted children aged 5-12 and their adoptive parents. Children's feelings about their birth family, their adoptive family and about being an adopted person will be described. Differences in how adoptive parents think, feel and talk about adoption will be outlined, and the impact of what parents do on how children feel will be discussed.

Eileen Fursland

The impact of social networking on adoption

Eileen is a freelance writer, writing about social issues, particularly those affecting children and families. She has contributed to a wide range of newspapers, magazines and has written several books, guides and booklets for BAAF. Her most recent publications are: Facing up to Facebook: A survival guide for adoptive families; Social

Networking and Contact: How social workers can help adoptive families; and Foster Care and Social Networking: A guide for social workers and foster carers. She has also written a BAAF booklet for adopted young people: Social Networking and You. Eileen is also delivering training workshops for adopters and social workers on the issue.

Jeanne Kaniuk

The impact of contact on infants during care proceedings: insights from a research study.

Jeanne is the Head of the Coram Adoption and Permanent Families Service, a position she has held since 1980. Previously working as a social worker in the London Borough of Camden, she has a longstanding interest in children who are separated from their families and need long term care. Jeanne established one of the first three concurrent planning projects in the UK and has been involved in a longitudinal research study of outcomes for adopted children as well as being involved in designing interventions to support adoptive families and their children.

Dr Simone McCaughren

Contact and Adoption: The Irish Context

Simone is a lecturer at The University College Cork (UCC), teaching on the Master of Social Work, Bachelor of Social Work and Bachelor of Social Science programmes. Prior to UCC she practiced as a social worker in both overseas and domestic adoption, intermittently working with children in orphanages in Romania. Simone recently completed her PhD in which she explored the experiences of adoptive parents in Ireland parenting children in open adoption arrangements.

Workshops

1. *Who is my brother and sister? Sibling relationships across the lifespan in adoption*
Heather Ottaway
2. *Contact in placements for intercountry adoption.*
Gill Howarth
3. *Building identity through letterbox contact* **Jan Stanton**
4. *Fabricated identity* **Nerys LLOYD**
5. *Beginnings* **Jane Anderson**
Sabrina Thornton Raine
6. *Graffiti! Young people's expressions of identity*
Merril Roberts
TalkAdoption Wales
7. *Face-to-face contact after adoption: Identity or kinship?*
Janette Logan
8. *Adoption in Ireland*
Simone McCaughren

