

CVAA Events Programme 2018

Topical briefings	Evidence seminars	Practice workshops	CVAA events	Network meetings
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NB: All practice workshops are repeated twice

Date	Event	Location
17 Sept/ 3 Oct	Adoption support: effective interventions with reference to individual, family and group work	London/ Leeds
25/26 September	Celtic members meeting	London
18 October	Evidence Seminar: working with birth parents	Manchester
24 October	Letterbox contact	Reading
22 November	Assessing adopters: the differences and commonalities and the most complex scenarios	Birmingham
26 November	CVAA members event	London
6 December	Assessing adopters: the differences and commonalities and the most complex scenarios	Edinburgh
10 January 2019	Facing New Frontiers: CVAA in collaboration with Julia Feast	London
22 January 2019	Trustees network meeting	London
27 February 2019	Supporting adopted adults and birth parents with access to records	Milton Keynes
13 March 2019	Facing New Frontiers: CVAA in collaboration with Julia Feast: Sharing practice and helping develop Policies and Procedures for working with adopted adults and birth relatives in Post-Commencement Adoptions.	Leeds
27 March	Letterbox contact	Nottingham
29 April	Coaching Skills for Leadership Learn from experienced coach, Emma Haughton, <i>Relational Dynamics</i> , on using coaching as a leadership approach and as the basis for exploring facilitation.	St Pancras Community Association, 67 Plender St, London NW1 0LB
2 May	Education Matters in Adoption: CVAA with PAC-UK Hear from Rebecca Wilkins, PAC-UK, who will provide a practice sharing presentation about PAC-UK's education service, support discussions about the issues adopted children may be struggling with and how these may present in the classroom, and share strategies for helping adopters with practical challenges such as liaising with schools.	Hollyshaw House/2 Hollyshaw La, Leeds LS15 7BD
15 May	Making and Maintaining the most complex placements Hear from Dr Matt Woolgar about approaches to managing and supporting the most complex placements.	4 St Dunstan's Hill, London EC3R 8AD

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22 May	Facing New Frontiers: CVAA in collaboration with Julia Feast Sharing practice and helping develop Policies and Procedures for working with adopted adults and birth relatives in Post-Commencement Adoptions. The final in a series of workshops.		<i>St Pancras Community Association, 67 Plender St, London NW1 0LB</i>	
5 June	Transitions: managing introductions, relationships with foster carers, moving after disruptions Explore with peers how we can most effectively support adoptive children and families during times of transition. We will discuss managing introductions, relationships with foster carers, educational transitions and moves after disruptions.		<i>CCS Adoption Training Suite, Office 11, Safestore Ltd, 78-86 Pennywell Road, Bristol, BS5 0TG</i>	
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TBC June	The Challenges and Potentials of Working with Young People Network with peers and share practice whilst debating the benefits of gaining the perspective of young people and how they can help us improve our services, the best ways to engage with them, and how we can best prepare them for accessing their records and using social media. We will also consider both the risks and benefits of social media.		<i>Birmingham, Leeds, Edinburgh tbc</i>	
17 & 18 June	CVAA AGM and Annual Conference: Adoption; a solution for children CVAA's annual AGM and Conference will this year be hosted by CCS in Bristol. Please note this event is open to CVAA members only.		<i>Bristol</i>	
20 June	Early Permanency Adoption Focus host us for a discussion about running an early permanence scheme in a VAA, and provide a practice sharing presentation about their approach.		<i>Adoption Focus, Pinewood Business Park, TS3, Coleshill Rd, Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7HG</i>	
25 June	CVAA Marketing Group Meeting Opportunity for this group to get together to work on a sector wide VAA marketing strategy. There will also be networking and practice sharing opportunities for individuals working in marketing in a VAA. This event is open to CVAA members only.		<i>Tbc</i>	
11 September	Assessing and Matching Hear a practice sharing presentation from a CVAA member agency on assessing and matching adopters. Network with peers and consider together the strengths of working		<i>36 Causton St, Westminster, London SW1P 4ST</i>	

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	with adopters from different backgrounds in relation to particular elements of the assessment and matching process, such as personal support networks.	
TBC November	Sibling Placements Hear a practice sharing presentation from a CVAA member agency about their approach to supporting sibling placements as well as a presentation from CVAA on the most relevant data and research on this topic. There will also be space for participants to meet and learn from workers in other agencies about their experiences of the challenges surrounding supporting placements.	<i>Edinburgh, London</i>
TBC December	Adoption Support: The most effective interventions and how to access them Hear from a CVAA member agency about their approaches to adoptions support, network with peers to discuss the most effective interventions with reference to individual, family of group work and explore how to overcome the challenges around accessing this support.	<i>Bristol, Edinburgh</i>