

CVAA Events Programme

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 2018	Adoption support: effective interventions with reference to individual, family and group work	London/ Leeds
25/26 Sept 2018	Celtic members meeting	London
18 October 2018	Evidence Seminar: working with birth parents	Manchester
24 October 2018	Letterbox contact	Reading
22 November 2018	Assessing adopters: the differences and commonalities and the most complex scenarios	Birmingham
26 November 2018	CVAA members event	London
6 December 2018	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	CVAA in collaboration with Julia Feast: Post-Commencement Adoptions.	Leeds
27 March 2019	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.	PAC-UK, 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, and a practice sharing presentation from CVAA Member Family Futures.	SSAFA, 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>	
3 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>Adoption Focus, Pinewood Business Park, TS3, Coleshill Rd, Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7HG</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 and hear from Emma Simpson, Head of Adoption, CCS, about CCS's work. 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>	
10 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>Unit 6, Adoption & Fostering, Pavilion Business Park, Royds Hall Rd, Leeds LS12 6AJ</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>The Bristol Hotel Prince Street Bristol BS1 4QF</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>	

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Tbc September	Education Matters in Adoption Network with peers to discuss 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.			<i>36 Causton St, Westminster, London SW1P 4ST</i>
Tbc September	Early Permanency Discuss running an early permanence scheme in a VAA, and provide a practice sharing presentation about their approach.			<i>Bristol tbc.</i>
Tbc 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 with adopters from different backgrounds in relation to particular elements of the assessment and matching process, such as personal support networks.			<i>London and Manchester tbc.</i>
25 September	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>
Tbc September/ October	Facing New Frontiers: presenting draft policies and procedures for working with post commencement adoptions CVAA and Julia Feast OBE present the draft policies, procedures and templates developed in 2019 with the help of our working group.			<i>Bristol and Manchester</i>
Tbc October	Safeguarding Cover the basics of Safeguarding and discuss policies, procedures and good practice surrounding safeguarding within a VAA.			<i>Birmingham and Leeds</i>
Tbc October	Supporting Contact and Working with Birth Families Network with peers, share practice and consider the latest research surrounding contact and supporting birth families. Hear a practice sharing presentation from a CVAA member agency.			<i>Belfast and London</i>
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 and London</i>

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Tbc November	Working in a VAA: Inductions for new staff Share practice around the best approaches to introducing and supporting new staff to working in a VAA.			<i>Tbc</i>
Tbc November	CVAA Annual Members Meeting Network with other CVAA members and discuss issues pertinent to the sector. Please note this event is open to CVAA members only			<i>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 and Edinburgh</i>
Tbc January 2020	Working in a VAA: How to co-ordinate volunteers Share practice and experiences around working with, supporting and co-ordinating volunteers working within a VAA.			<i>Manchester</i>
23 January 2020	Preparing for Ofsted CVAA present the latest findings highlighted in our Ofsted tracker and invite members to discuss their experiences and how to best prepare for Ofsted inspections.			<i>Leeds</i>
30 January 2020	Preparing for Ofsted CVAA present the latest findings highlighted in our Ofsted tracker and invite members to discuss their experiences and how to best prepare for Ofsted inspections.			<i>London</i>
12 February 2020	Early Permanency Discuss running an early permanence scheme in a VAA, and provide a practice sharing presentation about their approach.			<i>Manchester</i>
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