

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	<i>London/ Leeds</i>
25/26 Sept 2018	Celtic members meeting	<i>London</i>
18 October 2018	Evidence Seminar: working with birth parents	<i>Manchester</i>
24 October 2018	Letterbox contact	<i>Reading</i>
22 November 2018	Assessing adopters: the differences and commonalities and the most complex scenarios	<i>Birmingham</i>
26 November 2018	CVAA members event	<i>London</i>
6 December 2018	Assessing adopters: the differences and commonalities and the most complex scenarios	<i>Edinburgh</i>
10 January 2019	Facing New Frontiers: CVAA in collaboration with Julia Feast	<i>London</i>
22 January 2019	Trustees network meeting	<i>London</i>
27 February 2019	Supporting adopted adults and birth parents with access to records	<i>Milton Keynes</i>
13 March 2019	CVAA in collaboration with Julia Feast: Post-Commencement Adoptions.	<i>Leeds</i>
27 March 2019	Letterbox contact	<i>Nottingham</i>
29 April 2019	Coaching Skills for Leadership	<i>London</i>
2 May 2019	Education Matters in Adoption: CVAA with PAC-UK	<i>Leeds</i>
15 May 2019	Making and Maintaining the most complex placements with Dr Matt Woolgar and Family Futures	<i>London</i>
22 May 2019	Facing New Frontiers: CVAA in collaboration with Julia Feast	<i>London</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>
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>

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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>
12 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>PAC-UK, Wharf Road, London</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>
Tbc September	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 in Bristol and Kate Knowles, Caritas Care, in Leeds. We will discuss managing introductions, relationships with foster carers, educational transitions and moves after disruptions.			<i>Bristol and Leeds</i>
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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>
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>

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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>
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Tbc March 2020	Safeguarding Cover the basics of Safeguarding and discuss policies, procedures and good practice surrounding safeguarding within a VAA.	<i>Edinburgh and Birmingham</i>