



**Care Matters:  
Transforming Lives – Improving Outcomes**  
(Incorporating the 8th International Looking After Children Conference)

7 – 9 July 2008, Keble College, Oxford UK

**Conference  
Programme**





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## Welcome

Welcome to the Care Matters: Transforming Lives - Improving Outcomes Conference, 2008, organised by the Centre for Child and Family Research (CCFR) at Loughborough University in the UK.

The conference addresses the themes in the White Paper, 'Care Matters: Time for Change'. This sets out the strategy in England for transforming lives and improving outcomes for children and young people in care and forms the basis for the current Children and Young Person's Bill.

The conference incorporates the eighth in the series of biennial Looking After Children (LAC) international conferences. Following on from previous ones, it promises to be an excellent opportunity to share practice experience and research findings with international colleagues.

Days one and two will explore key issues such as placement stability, mental health needs, and education. Day two will also include sessions on assessment and recording systems, such as Looking After Children, the Assessment Framework and the Integrated Children's System.

The final day will be dedicated to young people's transitions from care to independence, and will tie in with the work of an international seminar group that has been drawing together key messages from research and policy development in 16 countries. We are delighted to have so many of our colleagues from the seminar group attending and presenting at the conference.

Our keynote speakers include Helen Jones, Gerri McAndrew, Emily Munro, Ian Sinclair and Mike Stein from the UK, Marit Bergum-Hansen from Norway, Paul Durning from France, and Mark Courtney and Phil Fisher from the USA.

We had an excellent response to our call for papers and are very pleased to have so many plenary sessions and workshops taking place. Thanks to all those presenters who submitted extended abstracts for our Digest of Papers. We hope you find this interesting.

We would also like to thank the journal 'Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies' which will be producing a

special issue on Care Matters in Spring 2009, focussing on the conference themes and including some of the papers presented. Also the Fondazione Zancan, Italy, which will be including abstracts from the Digest of Papers in their international database on outcome-based evaluation.

We are extremely pleased to welcome Collette Stadler, a care leaver from Hull, and Kail Williamson and Toni Kane from the Rights and Participation Project (RAPP) also in Hull. These young people have kindly agreed to give their views and share their experiences of being in care.

We are also looking forward to after-dinner entertainment on Tuesday, which is being provided by Freedom Road, also from RAPP. RAPP's creative group uses drama, dance, and song writing as a way of giving children and young people in need or in care a chance to have fun, make new friends, learn new skills and become more confident.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) who are supporting the conference, and particularly to Helen Jones who has played an important role in helping put together our programme.

We are also grateful for the kind support of the British Academy who have awarded us a grant to help fund the expenses of bringing our international keynote speakers to the UK.

As Chair of the conference committee may I also say a big thank you to my colleagues at CCFR who have helped organise the event.

I hope you find the conference worthwhile and enjoyable.



Professor Harriet Ward,  
Centre for Child and Family Research  
Loughborough University, England

## Keynote Speakers



### Dr Marit Bergum-Hansen

Marit Bergum Hansen was Director of the Aline clinic in Norway for 17 years and now works at the Centre for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (RBUP) in Oslo, a foundation established in 1998 by the Ministry of Health and Care Services. RBUP aims to contribute to the development of clinical multidisciplinary scientific knowledge on child and adolescent mental health.



### Professor Mark Courtney

Mark Courtney is a leading expert on child welfare services in the United States and has conducted extensive research on individual, family, and societal contributors to the wellbeing of children placed in out-of-home care. Mark holds the Ballmer Chair for Child Wellbeing in the School of Social Work at the University of Washington. He is also Director of Partners for Our Children, a public-private partnership housed at the University of Washington devoted to improving child welfare services.

Previously Mark was the McCormick Tribune Professor at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration and served as the Director of the Chapin Hall Center for Children from 2001 to 2006. Before that, he was on the faculty of the School of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In addition, Mark was a faculty affiliate of the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a member of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Transitions to Adulthood and Public Policy. Mark has served as a consultant to the federal government, state departments of social services, local public and private child welfare agencies.



### Professor Paul Durning

Paul Durning is Professor of Education Sciences at the University of Paris X Nanterre in France. In 2004 he was appointed Director of the National Observatory of Childhood at Risk. Since 2005, he has been Executive Director of GIP, a public interest group involved in childhood mistreatment.

From 1986 to 1992 he worked for the MIRE (Mission de recherche et d'expérimentation), a department of the Public Health Ministry where he was responsible for family and child problems, concentrating more particularly on the July 1989 law, regarding child abuse. Paul is also Vice President of the European Scientific Association for Residential and Foster Care for Children and Adolescents (EUSARF).

His most recent article in English is "The construction of socio-educational interventions. A look at 60 years of treating troubled and troubling young people" in 'Promoting Competence in Children and Families, Scientific Perspectives on Resilience and Vulnerability', edited by Hans Grietens, Erik Knorth, Paul Durning and Jean Dumas.



### Dr Philip Fisher

Dr Fisher is a licensed Clinical Psychologist and Research Scientist at the Oregon Social Learning Center (OSLC) and a Senior Scientist at the Center for Research to Practice, both in Eugene, Oregon. Much of his research focuses on foster care, the effects of early stress on neural systems, and the prevention of health-risking problems and strengthening of parenting in American Indian communities.

Dr. Fisher is Principal Investigator on the Early Intervention Foster Care (EIFC) project which aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the

Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care Program for Preschoolers (MTFC-P). He is also lead researcher on studies involving foster children and their families. These include a randomised trial to evaluate a therapeutic playgroup intervention to promote school readiness for foster children; and a longitudinal study to follow children identified at birth as high risk for child welfare system involvement through early adolescence.

### **Helen Jones**



Helen Jones has a background in social work with children and families including the management of family placement services and policy development and implementation in local government. She is now an advisor within the Department for Children, Schools and Families on policy for looked after children. A major focus has been on the need to improve the environment of care and the quality of looked after children's day to day experiences for example, through the development of the Healthy Care Programme. Helen has been particularly involved with a range of initiatives and evidence-based programmes to improve outcomes for looked after children including responsibility for developing and managing the Multi-dimensional Treatment Foster Care programme and Multi-systemic Therapy in England. Most recently Helen has been involved in writing the Care Matters White Paper and is now working on its implementation.



### **Gerri McAndrew**

Gerri qualified as a Social Worker in 1975. She then worked in four Inner London Boroughs as a Practitioner and Assistant Director of Social Services, specialising in children's services. She was Director of Fostering Network, and joined the Frank Buttle Trust as Chief Executive in 2003. The Trust offers financial support to children and young people in need, and commissions research to influence

change in policy and practice in respect of services to children.

Gerri is currently a Trustee of End Child Poverty, and Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa and was previously a Trustee and Chair of the National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations and President of the International Foster Care Organisation. She has been an Advisor on a number of Government groups throughout the UK and, in particular, the Prime Minister's Adoption Review.



### **Emily Munro**

Emily Munro is Research Fellow at the Centre for Child and Family Research (CCFR), Loughborough University, England. She has undertaken a number of studies funded by the Department of Health and the Department for Children, Schools and Families to inform policy and practice and promote positive outcomes for vulnerable children and families.

Emily is a coordinator of the 'Transitions to Adulthood for Young People Leaving Public Care' International Research Group. She is also currently leading research on a prospective study of very young children at high risk of significant harm. She is also project managing an evaluation of the effectiveness of Local Safeguarding Children Boards which is being undertaken in collaboration with the Centre for Research in Social Policy.



### **Professor Ian Sinclair**

Ian Sinclair took his first degree in philosophy and ancient history. After that he worked in secondary teaching, probation, social services, counselling and industrial and social research. Ian was appointed Professor of Social Work at University of York in 1989. In 1996 he became co-director of the Social Work Research and Development Unit at the same university. This has now joined with the Social Policy

Research Unit where he is a part-time Research Professor.

Ian's earlier work was in the fields of delinquency, adult relationships, and the welfare of old people. He gained his PhD from LSE while working at the Home Office Research Unit. More recently he has published on residential care and foster care for children. His latest study was done with Dr Claire Baker, Jenny Lee and Dr Ian Gibbs and dealt with stability and movement in the care system. His views are also influenced by his wife's experience as a trained social worker in residential work and her activities in providing lodgings and support to homeless adults and young people.

undertaken extensive research in the field of assessing need and evaluating outcomes in children's services.

Established in 2002, CCFR has an international reputation for high quality, policy relevant research on services for vulnerable children and adults, in particular children looked after away from home. Harriet leads a core research programme funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. Current research in this programme explores the relationship between the costs and consequences of placing children in care, transitions to adulthood for young people leaving care, and the decision-making processes that determine the life pathways of very young children at risk of significant harm.



### **Professor Mike Stein**

Mike Stein is a Research Professor at the Social Policy Research Unit (previously Social Work Research and Development Unit) at the University of York in the UK. During the last 25 years Mike has researched the problems and challenges faced by young people leaving care.

His current research includes the maltreatment of adolescents. He is a co-ordinator of the 'Transitions to Adulthood for Young People Leaving Public Care' International Research Group and has published extensively in the field. He has been involved in the preparation of best practice and training materials, as well as Guidance for Leaving Care legislation in the UK, and has consulted on the development of leaving care services internationally.



### **Professor Harriet Ward**

Harriet qualified as a Social Worker in 1973. From 1996-1999 she was a senior lecturer at Leicester University. She is now a Professor at Loughborough University and Director and Co-founder of the Centre for Child and Family Research (CCFR). She has

## Programme - Monday 7 July

### Identifying Issues and Improving Stability

**9.15 - 10.00**

Registration

Sloane Robinson Foyer

**10.00–10.15**

Chair's Welcome and Introduction

Sally Burlington, Department for Children, Schools and Families, England

O'Reilly Theatre

**10.15 - 11.15**

**Keynote Address: Improving Outcomes for Looked After Children: What goes well? What goes badly? What can be improved?**

Mark Courtney, University of Washington, USA

Harriet Ward, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England

Discussion led by Mike Pinnock, Hull City Council, England

With response from Kail Williamson and Toni Kane, Rights and Participation Project, Hull Children's Rights Service, England

O'Reilly Theatre

**11.15 - 11.45**

Refreshments

Arco Rooms

**11.45 - 12.30**

**Keynote Address: Policy in England to Improve Outcomes for Looked After Children**

Helen Jones, Department for Children, Schools and Families, England

O'Reilly Theatre

**12.30 - 13.15**

**Keynote Address: European Policy and Practice Initiatives to Improve Outcomes for Looked After Children**

Paul Durning, University of Paris X Nanterre and National Observatory of Childhood at Risk, France

O'Reilly Theatre

**13.15 - 14.15**

Lunch

Keble Dining Hall

**14.15 - 15.00**

**Keynote Address: Stability and Wellbeing in Care: What makes the difference?**

Ian Sinclair, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York, England

O'Reilly Theatre

**15.00 - 16.00**

Workshop session 1: Effective Measures to Improve Stability

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**16.00 - 16.30**

Refreshments

Arco Rooms

**16.30 - 17.30**

Workshop session 2: Effective Measures to Promote the Wellbeing of Looked After Children

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## Workshop Session 1 - Monday 7 July, 15.00 - 16.00

### Workshop 1.1

#### Seminar Room 1

- Enhancing placement stability via a continuum of care approach: reflections from the Australian context - Deirdre Cheers, Centacare Catholic Family Services (Brokenbay), Australia
- Adoption: an alternative to long-term fostering in child welfare - Turid Vogt Grinde, NOVA, Norway

### Workshop 1.2

#### Douglas Price Room

- Better futures? Experience and outcomes of children and young people in residential care - Andrew Kendrick, University of Strathclyde, Scotland
- Sharing the care? Birth parents' perception of foster care placements - Ingrid Höjer, Göteborg University, Sweden

### Workshop 1.3

#### O'Reilly Theatre

- Issues in kinship care - Anneke J.G. Vinke, Leiden University, The Netherlands
- Outcomes and stability in placements with kin compared with stranger foster care - Elaine Farmer, University of Bristol, England

### Workshop 1.4

#### Seminar Room 2

- Ontario Practice Model - Patricia Gamble, Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, Canada
- The relationship between foster parent training and outcomes for looked after children in Canada - Jordanna J. Nash, University of Ottawa, Canada

### Workshop 1.5

#### Seminar Room 3

- Children's needs, types and costs of placements and their stability: comparisons using the Cost Calculator for Children's Services - Jean Soper and Lisa Holmes, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England
- Working at the 'edges' of care? European models of support for young people and families - Janet Boddy, Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education, England

## Workshop Session 2 - Monday 7 July, 16.15 - 17.15

### Workshop 2.1

### Seminar Room 1

- What are the training needs of foster carers who look after unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people? - Hannah Stott, Barnado's Apex Project, England
- Preparation and transition planning for unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people: a review of existing evidence in England - Jim Wade, University of York, England

### Workshop 2.2

### O'Reilly Theatre

- Mapping the impact of children's advocacy services - Andrew Pithouse, Cardiff University, Wales
- The challenge of growing up in care: a longitudinal study of outcomes - Elizabeth Fernandez, University of New South Wales, Australia

### Workshop 2.3

### Seminar Room 2

- Late outcomes for siblings reared in long-term placement in Children's Villages - Annick Camille Dumaret, CERMES and INSERM, Paris, France
- Tracking Footprints: a global research project - Claudia Mödlagl, SOS Kinderdorf International, Austria

### Workshop 2.4

### Douglas Price Room

- Better outcomes for children - is that an unquestioning goal? Some news from the Russian family placements battlefield - Maria Ternovskaya, Our Family, Moscow, Russia
- Resilience in aboriginal children and adolescents in out-of-home care: a test of an initial explanatory model - Katharine Filbert, University of Ottawa, Canada

## Programme - Tuesday 8 July

### Addressing Education and Mental Health Needs/ Improving Assessment, Planning and Review, Intervention and Outcomes for all Children in Need

9.30 - 10.00

O'Reilly Theatre

Chair's Welcome and Key Points from Day One Workshops

Mária Herczog, Family, Child, Youth Non-profit Association, Hungary

10.00 - 11.00

O'Reilly Theatre

Keynote Address: Addressing Behavioural Patterns through Multi-dimensional Treatment Foster Care

Philip Fisher, Oregon Social Learning Center, USA

11.00 - 11.45

Arco Rooms

Extended Refreshment Break and Poster Presentation Session

11.45 - 12.30

O'Reilly Theatre

Keynote Address: Promoting Attachment in Neglected Children

Marit Bergum-Hansen, Centre for Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Norway

12.30 - 13.15

O'Reilly Theatre

Keynote Address: Supporting Care Leavers Through University

Gerri McAndrew, The Frank Buttle Trust, England with Collette Stadler, care leaver, Hull Young People's Support Service

13.15 - 14.15 Lunch

Keble Dining Hall

14.15 - 15.00 Choice of afternoon plenary session:

Promoting the Education of Looked After Children

Douglas Price Room

Robert J. Flynn, University of Ottawa, Canada; Andy Smith, Leicester City Council, England

OR

Panel Discussion: Improving Outcomes through the Assessment Framework, Looking After Children and the Integrated Children's System

O'Reilly Theatre

Jenny Gray, Department for Children, Schools and Families, England; Kathleen Kufeldt, University of New Brunswick, Canada and others to be confirmed

15.00 - 16.00

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Workshop session 3: Effective Measures to Improve Educational Outcomes / Assessment and Recording Systems

16.00 - 16.30 Refreshments

Arco Rooms

16.30 - 17.30

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Workshop session 4: Effective Measures to Improve Mental Health / Assessment and Recording Systems

18.30 - 19.30

Arco Rooms

Book launch - drinks kindly sponsored by Jessica Kingsley Publishers

## Workshop Session 3 - Tuesday 8 July, 15.00 - 16.00

### Workshop 3.1

### Seminar Room 1

- Proposal to investigate the usage of care data in the UCAS application and the subject choices made by these students - Joanne Papageorgiou, UCAS, England
- Educating troubled adolescents - Cheryl Dance, University of Bedfordshire, England

### Workshop 3.2

### Seminar Room 2

- Reading with children: enhancing outcomes - Janet Seden, The Open University, England
- Childhood literacy: promoting activities and educational outcomes for children in the Ontario child welfare system - Shaye Moffat, University of Ottawa, Canada

### Workshop 3.3

### Seminar Room 3

- Reaching higher for young people in care: the 'Stepping Stones' programme - Ken Campbell, Aimhigher Leeds, England
- How to go higher: the value of a higher education training and support programme for staff working with children in care and care leavers - Glyn Hibberd, Aimhigher Surrey, England

### Workshop 3.4

### Douglas Price Room

- 'YIPPEE' - Pathways to learning in Europe: retaining young people from care in post compulsory education - Sonia Jackson, Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education, England
- Aimhigher Way Ahead Project - Angela O'Sullivan, De Montfort University, Leicester, England and Jane Millward, Leicester City Council, England

### Workshop 3.5

### O'Reilly Theatre

- Involving young people in decision making: the impact of the Integrated Children's System - Hedy Cleaver, Royal Holloway, University of London, England and Wendy Rose, The Open University, England
- Service users' experiences of case management interventions - Susan Tregeagle, Barnardos Australia and University of Western Sydney, England

**Workshop 3.6**

**Seminar Room 4**

- The Integrated Children's System and disabled children: parents' and practitioners' initial experiences and evaluations - Wendy Mitchell, University of York, England
- Relational assessment and case planning - Gerard Bellefeuille, Grant MacEwan College, Alberta, Canada

**Workshop 3.7**

**Seminar Room 5**

- Supervisor role in the successful implementation of Looking After Children - Doreen Haveman, Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Canada
- From assessment to analysis - Steve Walker, Improvement and Development Agency, England and Jane Scott, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England

**Workshop 3.8**

**Seminar Room 6**

- Assessing outcomes and monitoring data for children in residential care in Spain: the S.E.R.A.R system - Jorge F. del Valle and Amaia Bravo, University of Oviedo, Spain
- Effectiveness conditions in residential care for children and adolescents: results from an Italian study
- Laura Palareti, University of Bologna, and Chiara Berti, University G. d'Annunzio of Chieti-Pescara, Italy

## Workshop Session 4 - Tuesday 8 July, 16.30 - 17.30

### Workshop 4.1

### Seminar Room 1

- Comparing costs of Multi-dimensional Treatment Foster Care with those of other placements - Lisa Holmes and David Westlake, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England

- Very young children in need or at risk of significant harm: issues affecting parenting capacity - Rebecca Brown and Emily Munro, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England

### Workshop 4.2

### Seminar Room 2

- Substance misuse and residential childcare - Michael Murphy, University of Salford, England

- Durham arts strategy for looked after children and young people - Meg Boustead, Durham County Council, England

### Workshop 4.3

### Douglas Price Room

- Risks, needs, strengths and outcomes in child protection: what we know about the children we serve - Michael J. O'Brien, Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County, Ontario, Canada

- Maltreated children's mental health: a global approach for designing specific programs - Danielle Nadeau, Centre Jeunesse de Québec, Canada

### Workshop 4.4

### O'Reilly Theatre

- Emotional and behavioural problems and outcomes for adolescents 'on the edge of care' - Nina Biehal, University of York, England

- Patterns of illness and health service use in families where children go into public care - Doug Simkiss, Warwick Medical School, England

**Workshop 4.5**

**Seminar Room 3**

- Issues, challenges and operationalisation of the use of the Assessment Framework in the Quebec context: the example of the AIDES initiative - Claire Chamberland and Danielle Lessard, University of Montréal, Canada

- Using the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire to aid in the early identification of looked after children's mental health needs in Ontario - Robyn A. Marquis, University of Ottawa, Canada

**Workshop 4.6**

**Seminar Room 4**

- A picture of the outcomes of children in care in Victoria: using the Looking After Children programme for knowledge building and service improvement - Ruth Champion, Department of Human Services, Victoria, Australia

- The effect of the Looking After Children approach on the evolution of children in care: preliminary data from Quebec youth centres - Marie-Claude Simard, Centre Jeunesse de Québec, Canada

**Workshop 4.7**

**Seminar Room 5**

- Intelligent information systems: a tool for improving practice - Terry Moore, University of Kansas, USA, and Mike Gatehouse, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England.

- Child welfare transformation at Brant: examining child and performance outcomes - Margaret Barr and Rhonda Hallberg, The Children's Aid Society of Brant, Canada

**Workshop 4.8**

**Seminar Room 6**

- Implementation of the Integrated Children's System in Sweden: a successful strategy- Kjerstin Bergman, National Board of Health and Welfare, Sweden

- The National Care Planning Project (NCP): a multi-disciplinary approach to care planning and research for children in care - Agnes Feely, Care Assessment and Planning Services, Ireland

## Programme - Wednesday 9 July

### Transitions to Adulthood: How can they be Improved?

**9.30 - 10.00**

**O'Reilly Theatre**

**Chair's Welcome and Key Points from Day Two Workshops**

Harriet Ward, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England

**10.00 - 11.00**

**O'Reilly Theatre**

**Keynote Address:**

**Young People's Transitions from Care to Adulthood: International Comparisons and Perspectives**

Mike Stein, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York, England

Emily Munro, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England

**11.00 - 11.30**

**Arco Rooms**

**Refreshments**

**11.30 - 12.15**

**O'Reilly Theatre**

**Improving Transitions from Care to Adulthood: Messages from Romania, Norway and Israel**

Roxana Anghel, Anglia Ruskin University, England (Romanian Perspective)

Elisabeth Backe-Hansen, NOVA, Norway

Anat Zeira, Hebrew University, Israel

**12.15 - 13.00**

**O'Reilly Theatre**

**Supporting Transitions to Employment for Young People at Risk of Social Exclusion**

Wolfgang Schröer, University of Hildesheim, Germany

Nikki Smith, Islington Council, England

**13.00 - 14.00**

**Keble Dining Hall**

**Lunch**

**14.00 - 15.00**

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**Workshop session 5: Improving Transitions from Care to Adulthood**

**15.00 - 16.00**

**O'Reilly Theatre**

**Policy Forum: What have we learnt and how can the messages be translated into policy and practice?**

Young people's representatives, practitioners, managers of services and policy makers

**16.00 - 16.15**

**O'Reilly Theatre**

**Chair's Closing Remarks**

**16.15**

**Conference Close**

## Workshop Session 5 - Wednesday 9 July, 14.00 - 15.00

### Workshop 5.1

#### O'Reilly Theatre

- What doesn't kill you makes you stronger: the self-reliant identity as resilience and risk among young adults aging out of foster care - Gina M. Samuels, University of Chicago, USA
- Building a future together: issues and outcomes for transition-aged youth - Peter Dudding, Child Welfare League of Canada, Canada

### Workshop 5.2

#### Seminar Room 1

- Identity exploration in emerging adulthood: how does it apply to at-risk youths? - Julie Marcotte, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Québec, Canada
- Aftercare: Pregnant Pathways - Bruce Leslie, Catholic Children's Aid Society, Toronto, Canada

### Workshop 5.3

#### Seminar Room 2

- Transitions to adulthood: the Equip Program - Véronique Noël, Association des Centres Jeunesse du Québec, Canada
- A structural analysis of young people leaving state care in Victoria - Philip Mendes, Monash University, Australia

### Workshop 5.4

#### Douglas Price Room

- How do the child welfare services in Norway work with young people leaving care? - Inger Oterholm, Diakonhjemmet University College, Norway
- Exit: developing a perspective - Jan Storø, Oslo University College, Norway

### Workshop 5.5

#### Seminar Room 3

- State care as a pathway to homelessness: implications for the transition to adulthood - Nicola Carr, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
- Transitioning out of residential care in Jordan: pathways and outcomes - Rawan W. Ibrahim, University of East Anglia, England

## Poster Presentations

Poster presentations will be displayed for the duration of the conference in the Arco Rooms. Delegates can view them at the poster session during the extended morning break on Tuesday 8 July, when presenters will be on hand to discuss their work in more detail. There will be further opportunity to view the posters during other break times and during the book launch before dinner on Tuesday.

- Family project: a demonstration project of family therapy for neglectful families - Michèle Brousseau, Centre Jeunesse de Québec, Canada
- Protecting and promoting the well being of very young children: a prospective study of babies in need or at significant risk of harm - Rebecca Brown, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England
- Costs and outcomes of providing child welfare services - Samantha McDermid, David Westlake and Lisa Holmes, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England
- Improving transitions to adulthood of young people leaving public care in Romania - Gabriela Dima, Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland
- Transition to adulthood for young Swedish care leavers - Ingrid Höjer, University of Göteborg, Sweden
- Family drug and alcohol court: parental substance misuse - the problems - Islington Council, England
- Adolescent multi-agency support service - Islington Council, England
- Cost Calculator for Children's Services: Knowledge Transfer Partnerships - Anna Jones, Loughborough University and Cheshire County Council and Si Chun Lam, Loughborough University and Coventry City Council
- Shards of the old looking glass: restoring the significance of identity constructions in promoting positive outcomes for looked after children - Isabella McMurray, University of Bedfordshire, England
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of new Local Safeguarding Children Boards - Emily Munro, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England
- Horticulture as a therapeutic intervention? Researching social and therapeutic horticulture - Joe Sempik, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England
- The Cost Calculator for Children's Services - Jean Soper, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England
- Asset-building and the Ontario Looking After Children project: fostering resilient outcomes in children and youth in out-of-home care - Cynthia C. Vincent, University of Ottawa, Canada
- Developments in adoption and foster care practice in the Netherlands - Anneke J.G. Vinke, Leiden University, The Netherlands

## Exhibitors

The conference exhibition is located in the Arco Rooms and delegates will be able to visit stands during the extended poster presentation session on Tuesday 8 July, as well as at other break times and during the book launch which will be held on Tuesday evening before dinner.

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#### Centre for Child and Family Research (CCFR)

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CCFR is an independent research unit directed by Professor Harriet Ward, based in the Department of Social Sciences at Loughborough University in the UK. Established in 2002, CCFR carries out high quality, policy relevant research into children, families and communities.

Studies in CCFR's research programme continue to be influential both nationally and internationally and have provided the evidence base for the development of a wide range of policy initiatives to respond to diverse issues with an emphasis on those related to children in need.

The current programme includes exploration of the relationships between costs and outcomes of providing services to children in need, studies on the relationships between professional decision making, practice and children's life chances, and international comparisons of legislation, policy and experiences of care leavers.



#### Cost Calculator for Children's Services (CCfCS)

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The Cost Calculator for Children's Services has been developed by the Centre for Child and Family Research at Loughborough University. This software application is designed for use by local authorities and other agencies to calculate the true costs of providing services to children, enabling them to explore how these might be configured to produce better outcomes. Delegates will be able to see the software in action and take away a demonstration version on CD.



#### Centre for Research in Social Policy (CRSP)

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CRSP is an independent research centre based within the Department of Social Sciences at Loughborough University. CRSP's objectives are to: conduct research in the field of social policy; improve the quality and flow of information on which policy decisions are made; and promote contacts between policy makers, practitioners and the research community.

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The Department for Children, Schools and Families in England is responsible for education and child welfare services. It has a particular focus on raising standards so that more children and young people reach expected levels, lifting more children out of poverty and re-engaging disaffected young people. The department works across Government to improve outcomes for children, including work on family policy, child poverty, children's health and youth justice.



## Durham Multi-Agency Looked After Partnership (MALAP)

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MALAP aims to develop services for looked after young people in Durham, England. As part of its work, an Arts Strategy has been researched and developed, which is now being shared on a regional basis.

**flourish**  
showcasing artworks  
by looked-after children  
and young people

## Flourish

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Flourish is the first national programme to promote artwork by young people with such a diverse history of care, with a valuable insight into approaches to working in this context. Artists may be looked after by carers, be fostered or adopted, in secure accommodation or have special needs. Flourish celebrates talent and hopes to encourage confidence and professional skills toward a creative career. It asks artists to make a formal application to an annual exhibition, writing an artist's statement for the catalogue. A Flourish board has been set up with artists from previous exhibitions, selecting shows and advising on protocol. Flourish artists have actively helped to install and run exhibitions, spoken about Flourish at national events and continually informed how we should approach issues around looked-after young people.

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## Hull City Council

[www.cluedupinhull.com](http://www.cluedupinhull.com) is a new website for children and young people launched earlier this year, designed by, and for, the young people of Hull. During the first month the site received more than 16,000 hits. It hosts a whole load of information for children and young people about how to be healthy, enjoy life, stay safe, achieve, get involved and advice about life and money.

Each section of the website addresses different issues that children and young people face, and offers advice on all sorts of subjects, including sensitive topics that they may find hard to talk

about.

Hull's children and young people have been at the heart of the project, playing a really important role in its design – helping choose the right graphics, language and content to make the website really appealing as well as informative - something that they really want to use.

It is hoped other groups including the police, local NHS as well as volunteer and community organisations will have input into its development in the future.

The future development of the site will continue to be shaped by Hull's children and young people as choices are made about adding a range of fun and interactive features to the site.

### Islington Council

The Children's Social Care Division of Islington Council is responsible for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in need and children looked after. Our services have been going from strength to strength in recent years. This is confirmed by the Joint Area Review inspection report published in 2007. Islington have developed a number of creative integrated services with partner including:

- The Adolescent Multi-Agency Support Service providing intensive wraparound service to adolescents at highest risk of becoming looked after.
- A Family and Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service.
- Along with Westminster and Camden we are part of the family drug and alcohol pilot at the inner London family proceedings court at Wells St.



### Jessica Kingsley Publishers

Website: [www.jkp.com](http://www.jkp.com)

Jessica Kingsley are independent publishers of accessible professional and academic books in the social and behavioural sciences. The company was named both the Academic and Professional Publisher of the Year and the overall Independent Publisher of the Year at the inaugural Independent Publishing Awards. They will be selling a range of their health and social care titles on Monday and Tuesday of the conference. Alternatively, please visit the website to order online. JKP are also kindly sponsoring drinks at our Book Launch on Tuesday 8 July at 18.30 - 19.30. See page 21 for more information.

### Leicester City Council

Website: [www.leicester.gov.uk](http://www.leicester.gov.uk)



### Taylor & Francis

Websites: [www.informaworld.com/journals](http://www.informaworld.com/journals)  
[www.tandf.co.uk/journals](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals)

Taylor & Francis has grown rapidly over the last two decades to become a leading international academic publisher. They publish more than 1350 journals and around 1800 new books each year. Their stand will feature samples of some of their ground-breaking new journals, published by Routledge, part of the Taylor & Francis group. One such journal is *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, an essential peer-reviewed journal analysing psychological, sociological, health, gender, cultural, economic, and educational aspects of children and adolescents in developed and developing countries.

## Book Launch

There will be a book launch held before dinner on Tuesday 8 July at 18.30 - 19.30 in the Arco Rooms. All delegates are invited to attend. Drinks will kindly be provided by Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

The following four books will be launched:

**“Young People’s Transitions from Care to Adulthood: International Research and Practice”**

Edited by Mike Stein and Emily R. Munro.

*Launched by Professor Harriet Ward, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, England.*

**“Costs and Consequences of Placing Children in Care”**

Harriet Ward, Lisa Holmes and Jean Soper.

*Launched by Professor Robert Flynn, University of Ottawa, Canada.*

**‘The Integrated Children’s System: Enhancing Social Work Recording and Inter-Agency Practice’**

Hedy Cleaver, Steve Walker, Jane Scott, Daniel Cleaver, Wendy Rose, Harriet Ward and Andy Pithouse.

*Launched by Jenny Gray, Department for Children, Schools and Families, England.*

**‘Kinship Care: Fostering Effective Family and Friends Placements’**

Elaine Farmer and Sue Moyers

*Launched by Helen Jones, Department for Children, Schools and Families, England.*

All four books are published by Jessica Kingsley and will be available to purchase from their stall in the exhibition area during the conference. Alternatively you can order these online at [www.jkp.com](http://www.jkp.com)

## Musical Entertainment - Freedom Road

Instead of an after dinner speech, musical entertainment will be provided on Tuesday 8 July by Freedom Road. This group of young people aged 13 to 21 are from Hull in England and take part in ‘RAPP’ (Rights and Participation Project) which aims to positively facilitate the use of the creative arts in order to engage with children and young people who are in need, at risk or may live in care.

The group will perform some of their songs for us and their CD will be available to purchase at the conference.

## General Information

### Registration

Delegates staying at Keble College on the nights before the conference will be able to register early, on Sunday 6 July in the Porter's Lodge, at 10.00 - 12.00 or 16.00 - 18.00.

Registration for those arriving on Monday 7 July will be in the foyer of the Sloane Robinson Building, off the Newman Quad. Refreshments will be available in the Douglas Price Room for those arriving and registering on Monday morning.

If you have any queries or problems during the conference, please see the conference organiser at the main registration desk in the Sloane Robinson Building.

### Workshops

Please see the list enclosed in your delegate pack which confirms the workshops you have been allocated. For those of you who have not yet selected workshops, please see the boards near the main registration desk and choose a workshop that has spaces available, adding your name to the list on the board.

### Check-in

Delegates may check in to their bedrooms from 14.00 on the day of arrival. Keys are available from the Porter's Lodge at the main entrance to the college (off Parks Road). The Porter's Lodge is managed 24 hours a day and in the event of an emergency is your main contact point. A luggage store is provided.

### Departing the college

All rooms must be vacated by 10.00am on the last day of your stay at Keble. It is essential that you leave your room key at the Porter's Lodge before departing. Any lost or unreturned keys will incur a charge of £35 per set.

### Refreshments and Meals

Water coolers are available in several locations. Please help yourself to a cup of water before entering the conference sessions. Coolers can be found in the Foyer of the Sloane Robinson Building; outside the Douglas Price Room on the first floor; in the corridor outside the Seminar Rooms on the second floor; and in the Arco Rooms.

Tea and coffee will be available during refreshment breaks in the Arco Rooms, giving delegates the opportunity to visit the exhibition stands and view the poster presentations on display. These refreshments are included in your registration fee.

If your delegate fee includes breakfast, this will be served from 08.00 to 09.00 on weekdays and 08.30 - 09.30 on weekends. Lunch will be served at 13.15 - 14.15 on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 July, and at 13.00 - 14.00 on Wednesday 9 July.

A 3 course dinner will be served on Monday 7 July at 19.00 and on Tuesday 8 July at 19.30 for delegates who are registered for the full conference or who have paid in advance for dinner.

Diners will receive a free glass of wine or orange juice with their evening meal. Bottles of wine can be purchased within the dining hall during the evening meals. Please note that wine can only be paid for using cash.

The college bar is located off the Hayward Quad and will be open for use by delegates from 18.00 until 23.00 daily.

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