



ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN INFANT AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

ARICD Virtual Autumn Educational Meeting

6th October 2023 9.15am – 12.30pm BST

Who is taking care of the Children?

Neurodevelopmental approaches to Looked After and Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children.

9.15am

Introduction Dr Sue Bloomfield, President ARICD

9.20 - 10.00am

Trauma, care and development – exploring impact.

Dr Stacy John-Legere.



Dr John-Legere is a consultant neurodevelopmental Paediatrician with special interests in social paediatrics, education and training. She is the joint head of service for Evelina London's children's community paediatric service and designated doctor for looked after children. She is skilled in the diagnosis and assessment of children and young people with neurodevelopmental conditions as well as those who have experienced adverse life experiences.

10.05am – 10.45pm. *Using the Cognitive Model to understand how traumatic events affect children, and what can be done to help.* David Trickey.

David Trickey is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist specialising in working with traumatised children and young people. and co-director of the UK Trauma Council which produces evidence-based, authoritative resources, training and guidance to improve the care provided to children and young people who have experienced traumatic events.



10.45 – 10.50 Break

10.55 – 11.35. *An overview of a narrative framework and associated tools when working with unaccompanied asylum seeking and looked after children.* Dr Ana Draper and Elisa Marcellino.



Dr Ana Draper is a clinical lead and consultant systemic psychotherapist. She has worked in the field of childhood bereavement and palliative care, in asylum with unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, as well as adoption and looked after children. Her current role is as outcomes lead and all systems change for Mindworks Surrey, In her work with Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children, she has developed a narrative trauma approach that is linked to her therapeutic practice which has gone on to be used across the UK and in Europe.



Elisa Marcellino is a Clinical, Counselling and Health Psychologist. She has gathered her clinical and research experience by working in the UK and abroad. She has worked with several organisations, including the NHS, local authorities, universities and charities offering support to a wide range of clients, including young offenders, unaccompanied minors, looked after children and adopted children. She is trained in a variety of approaches, including Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy, Psychodynamic and Narrative Therapy. Elisa is co-author of several papers including the Continuing Bonds Enquiry (CBE), Fast Feet Forward (FFF) protocol and the Location, Dislocation and Relocation (LDR) framework. She is currently co-writing a book for Routledge about mental health in unaccompanied minors. Her work has been presented nationally and internationally.

11.40am – 12.20pm. *An integrated holistic service provision for refugee and asylum seeking children in the North-East of England.* Dr Christian Harkensee.

Dr Christian Harkensee is a consultant paediatrician at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, part of Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust. He has worked in refugee camps and now runs a child migrant and refugee clinic to tackle the barriers that his patients face in accessing healthcare. He is building a network and raising awareness to bring people together to create solutions.





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Final comments Dr Sue Bloomfield