

# Early Years Conference: The many faces of parenting infants



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Time	ACTIVITY
09:15	Registration
09:30	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Dr Camilla Rosan</b> (Anna Freud Centre)
	<b>Morning Plenaries: LGBTQ+ Families</b> Chaired by <b>Professor Peter Fonagy</b> (Anna Freud Centre and University College London)
10:00	<b>PLENARY 1</b> <i>Love and truth: What really matters for children in new family forms</i> <b>Professor Susan Golombok</b> (University of Cambridge)
10:40	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b> Chaired by <b>Professor Peter Fonagy</b>
<b>10.50</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
11:20	<b>PLENARY 2</b> <i>Disparities in perinatal mental health outcomes for LGBTQ+ families</i> <b>AJ Silver</b> (The Queer Birth Club)
11:50	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b> Chaired by <b>Professor Peter Fonagy</b>
12:00	<b>PLENARY 3</b> <i>Growing up With LGBTQ+ parents: Children and their parents map family diversity</i> <b>Dr Fiona Tasker</b> (Birkbeck University)

12:30	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b> Chaired by <b>Professor Peter Fonagy</b>		
<b>12.40</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		
13:45	<p><b>Session 1: Fathering and the parent-infant-relationship</b></p> <p>Chaired by <b>Professor Paul Ramchandani</b> (Cambridge University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>VIPP-PRE: video-feedback for expectant fathers using live ultrasound images</i> <b>Dr Kim Alyousefi-van Dijk</b> (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and Anna Freud Centre)</li> <li>• <i>Incarcerated fathers and their children</i> <b>Professor Julie Poehlmann-Tynan</b> (University of Wisconsin-Madison)</li> <li>• <i>The Reflective Parenting approach with fathers</i> <b>Eloise Stevens &amp; Alex Tsefos</b> (Anna Freud Centre)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session 2: Wider family involvement and influences in the parenting task</b></p> <p>Chaired by <b>Professor Pasco Fearon</b> (Anna Freud Centre and University College London)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Twins: a unique relationship and its implications for parents and psychotherapy</i> <b>Vivienne Lewin</b></li> <li>• <i>Children raised by grandparents: Family and contextual influences on grandchild wellbeing</i> <b>Associate Professor Megan Dolbin-MacNab</b> (Virginia Tech)</li> <li>• <i>It takes a village: How we created a circle of support around our children from birth</i> <b>Anna France-Williams</b> (The Life Village)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session 3: Families formed when infants are looked after</b></p> <p>Chaired by <b>Professor Jane Barlow</b> (University of Oxford)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Good-Enough Group: The dynamics of digital space in an online psychoanalytic parent toddler group for adoptive families</i> <b>Dr Sarah Peter</b> (Anna Freud Centre)</li> <li>• <i>Policy and practice of special guardianship in the early years</i> <b>Professor Judith Harwin</b> (Lancaster University)</li> <li>• TBC, adopter expert by experience</li> </ul>
<b>14:55</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		
	<b>Afternoon Plenaries: Family Cultures</b> Chaired by <b>Professor Peter Fonagy</b>		
15:20	<b>PLENARY 4</b> Cross-Cultural Parenting (exact title and speaker TBC)		

15:50	<b>Q&amp;A and discussion</b> Chaired by <b>Professor Peter Fonagy</b>
16:00	<b>PLENARY 5</b> <i>Cross-cultural differences in the organisation of interactions and how infants make meaning of themselves</i> <b>Professor Ed Tronick</b> (University of Massachusetts Boston and Harvard Medical School)
16:40	<b>Q&amp;A and discussion</b> Chaired by <b>Professor Peter Fonagy</b>
16:55	<b>Closing Statements</b> <b>Professor Peter Fonagy</b>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>