

Early Years Conference: The many faces of parenting infants



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

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12.40	LUNCH		
13:40	<p>Session 1: Fathering and the parent-infant-relationship</p> <p>Chaired by Professor Paul Ramchandani (Cambridge University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>VIPP-PRE: video-feedback therapy for expectant fathers using live ultrasound images</i> Dr Kim Alyousefi-van Dijk (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and Anna Freud Centre) • <i>Dads in prison and their children</i> Professor Julie Poehlmann-Tynan (University of Wisconsin-Madison) • <i>Mind the Dad: Supporting Fathers in the Perinatal Period</i> Eloise Stevens, Alex Tsefos & new dad James (Anna Freud Centre) 	<p>Session 2: Wider family involvement and influences in the parenting task</p> <p>Chaired by Professor Pasco Fearon (Anna Freud Centre and University College London)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Twins: a unique relationship and its implications for parents and psychotherapy</i> Vivienne Lewin • <i>Children raised by grandparents: Family and contextual influences on grandchild wellbeing</i> Associate Professor Megan Dolbin-MacNab (Virginia Tech) • <i>It takes a village: How we created a circle of support around our children from birth</i> Anna France-Williams (The Life Village) 	<p>Session 3: Families formed when infants are looked after</p> <p>Chaired by Professor Jane Barlow (University of Oxford)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Good-Enough Group: The dynamics of digital space in an online psychoanalytic parent toddler group for adoptive families</i> Dr Sarah Peter (Anna Freud Centre) • <i>Special Guardianship and the Early Years: Opportunities and Challenges in Practice and Policy</i> Professor Judith Harwin (Lancaster University) • <i>Adoption: The feelings and journey, a personal perspective</i> Sarah Fisher (Sarah Fisher Coaching – The Connective Parenting Hub)
14:55	BREAKOUT SESSION		
15:05	BREAK		

	<p>Afternoon Plenaries: Family Cultures Chaired by Professor Peter Fonagy</p>
15:20	<p>PLENARY 4 <i>A Parent-Infant Psychotherapy case: Making connections on the edge of despair</i> Dr Pauline Lee (Pennine NHS Foundation Trust)</p>
15:50	<p>PLENARY 5 <i>Culture and Parenting: All is peek-a-boo</i> Professor Ed Tronick (University of Massachusetts Boston and Harvard Medical School)</p>
16:50	<p>Q&A and discussion Chaired by Professor Peter Fonagy</p>
17:00	CLOSE