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THE FATHERS MATTER CONFERENCE

A one day conference on the involvement of fathers, whose children are engaged with social care services, in decisions about and care of their children.

29th June 2006, 9.30am - 4.30pm: London

VENUE: NCVO, Regents Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London, N1 9RL
COST: £120 (£90 for FGC Network and FRG Members)
RSVP: To guarantee a place please RSVP before **19th May 2006**

PROGRAMME

09.30am	Coffee and registration	12.30pm	Panel discussion
10.00am	Chair's welcome	1.00pm	Lunch and networking and Photovoyage display
10.10am	A summary of findings from the Fathers Matter project Cathy Ashley, Chief Executive of FRG	2.00pm	Workshops:
10.25am	'Living the reality' – young fathers involved with SKY Partnership	·	Education and training of the social care workforce
10.50am	Dads talking about their lives – a presentation by Professors Brid Featherstone and Sue White	·	Working with troublesome men
11.20am	Coffee	·	Practice models for engaging fathers
11.35am	The Government's perspective – speech and questions – Rt Hon Hilary Armstrong MP, Minister for the Cabinet office and for Social Exclusion.	3.20pm	Plenary session – workshop speakers to provide feedback
12.00pm	Key note speech – Professor Michael Lamb	3.40pm	'What do we need to do now and why?' – Director of Social Services
		4.15pm	Chair's closing remarks & summary
		4.30pm	Conference close.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This conference is for anyone who works with or has an influence on policies and practice affecting families whose children are engaged with social care services. This includes practitioners, managers and decision makers in local and national government, including government departments, children's services departments, family group conference projects, family support agencies and the judiciary. We also welcome family members.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

HILARY ARMSTRONG MP has been recently appointed Minister for the Cabinet office and for Social Exclusion (and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster).

MICHAEL E. LAMB is Professor of Psychology in the Social Sciences at the University of Cambridge and is known internationally for his work on father- and mother-child relationships.

BRID FEATHERSTONE is Professor in Social Work at the Dept of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Bradford. Brid's published works include: 'Fathers Matter: A Research Review', Children and Society (2004), Vol 18, 4; and 'Taking Fathers Seriously', British Journal of Social Work (2003) 33. Brid is a member of the Fathers Project Steering Group.

SUE WHITE is professor of Health and Social Care at the University of Huddersfield. She has worked as a practitioner, manager, educator and researcher in child health and welfare since 1983.

The Fathers Matter Conference Booking Form

Please photocopy this booking form and return to: Family Rights Group, The Print House,
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Address.....

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Billing address (for invoice).....

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Method of payment (delete as appropriate) *cheque made payable to FRG Ltd / Please invoice*

Any special requirements (i.e. dietary / sight / hearing / access)? YES NO

If yes, please specify assistance required

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