



21st Century Fathers

Creating the Space for Involved Fatherhood

Where: Abbey Conference Centre, London (nearest tube Westminster)

When: 23 May 2019, 10am to 4pm

Morning session

10.00 – 10.20 Welcome & Chair's Introduction

10.20 – 10.45 Keynote address

Fatherhood, child wellbeing and gender equality: the last 20 years. Speaker: Adrienne Burgess, joint chief executive, Fatherhood Institute

10.45 – 11.30 What gets in the way of involved fatherhood?

Key findings from FI's Contemporary Fathers in the UK research and 'How was it for you?' survey results, and panel discussion

11.30 – 11.50 Finding Dad

Interview with Mim Shaikh, actor, broadcaster and poet, star of BBC3 documentary 'Finding Dad', about his emotional 4,000-mile journey to Pakistan, to track down and meet his father for the first time

12.00 – 12.45 Workshops

1. Engaging with fathers to support breastfeeding
Jeszemma Garratt (FI) and Dr Nigel Sherriff (University of Brighton – tbc)
2. Dads and the transition to parenthood
Professor Tina Miller (Oxford Brookes University and FI trustee: tbc); Kieran Anders (Dads Matter); Owen Thomas (Future Men)
3. Working with parents in separation
Gill Gorrell Barnes
4. Together we are MITEY (Men In The Early Years)
Dr Jeremy Davies (FI and GenderEYE) and David Wright (PaintPots Nurseries)

12.45 Lunch

Afternoon session

1.15 – 1.25 Chair's Introduction

1.25 – 1.45 Global fatherhood

Presentation by Duncan Fisher OBE, co-founder of the Fatherhood Institute & Family Included

1.45 – 2.20 'Dads Are Doin' It For Themselves'

Brief presentations and panel discussion from the new generation of 'dad advocates', including the men behind Dope Black Dads, Dadsnet, Dadapp and Take Time Dad

2.20 Break

2.30 – 3.15 Workshops

1. Fathers, Work and Care

Will McDonald, FI chair and Aviva (the only FTSE-100 board level job-share in the UK), Professor Peter Moss (University College London Institute of Education and co-founder of International Network on Leave Policies and Research)

2. Dads in the Data

Rebecca Goldman, main author of FI's *Where's the Daddy? Fathers and father-figures in UK datasets*

3. Men in Social Care

Dr. Mark Osborn, leader on FI's EU project on fathers in child protection

4. Fathers in Schools

Jeszemma Garratt and Cassius Campbell, FI's 'F.R.E.D.' - Fathers Reading Every Day

3.15 – 3.45 Dads and Daughters: Empowering our girls

Presentations and panel discussion including Women in Sport (with whom FI is collaborating on a project with Fulham Football Club and the English Football League Trust), the Fawcett Society and 'dad blogger' Man vs Pink.

3.45 – 4.00 Final thoughts from the Chair