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