

THE TAVISTOCK AND PORTMAN NHS TRUST

TAVISTOCK POLICY SEMINARS

'CONNECTING PUBLIC POLICY AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS'

BUILDING A NEW PROFESSIONALISM IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES

DR ILAN KATZ

CO-AUTHOR OF THE RISK FACTOR: MAKING THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM WORK
FOR CHILDREN (DEMOS 2003)

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2003 6PM - 8PM

Venue: The Tavistock Centre, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA

The Children's Green Paper proposes radical reforms to the way professionals work together in children's services. But traditional ideas of professional authority and expertise have been called into question and placed under public scrutiny for a decade or more. Familiar boundaries between different professional roles are shifting, children and parents increasingly expect to participate in decisions about their lives, and principles of accountability seem to have replaced professional judgement.

What sources of secure identity are now available to professionals working with children and families?

Drawing on arguments and case studies from The Risk Factor, Ilan Katz will explore new concepts for how children's professionals can build confidence in their roles and identities in the world envisaged by the Green Paper. The Risk Factor proposes that the principles of trust, authority and negotiation provide a basis for managing the complex tensions of modern professional service delivery. This seminar is an opportunity to debate these tensions and explore how a new professionalism, suited to current social expectations, can be established.

The Risk Factor by Andrew Cooper, Rachael Hetherington and Ilan Katz can be downloaded from the Demos website at www.demos.co.uk

PROGRAMME

Seminars will begin at 6.00pm with the main presentations. There will be a short break for refreshments at 6.45pm after which the seminar will resume with an open dialogue and end with brief commentaries from the speakers.

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