

TAVISTOCK POLICY SEMINARS

'CONNECTING PUBLIC POLICY AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS'

Adoption Policy Today: Fantasy and Reality

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Venue: The Tavistock Centre

Adoption policy today emerges from within a complex brew of government targets, social anxiety, public concern, professional commitment and painful realities. How in fact do the realities of children's circumstances match with the availability of potential adopters? How has 'target culture' impacted on the working lives of professionals in this field? What factors lie beneath the surface of the 'adoption triangle', and how might policy take better account of these?

In this seminar an experienced practitioner and a senior policy manager debate the connections between fantasy and reality in adoption policy today.

Tavistock Policy Seminars are a forum for distinctive and challenging debate about public policy and its 'human relations' dimensions. Seminars will be organised to facilitate dialogue among members, and to promote innovative and creative thinking on crucial issues of public, political and professional concern.

In order to maximise influence on policy processes in 2004-2005, we wish to encourage the development of continuing 'work streams' arising from the seminars. These might take the form of a small group of inter-agency participants who pursue a policy intervention, develop a publication, organise further seminars, and so on.

PROGRAMME

Seminars will begin at 6pm 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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