

TAVISTOCK POLICY SEMINARS

'CONNECTING PUBLIC POLICY AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS'

Young People's Voices - Stories from the care system

Presenters: Julia Granville
Dr Caroline Lindsey

Date: Thursday, 11 October 2007 (6pm - 8pm)

Venue: The Tavistock Centre, Lecture Theatre

The film 'Care Stories' will be shown.

'Please whoever is going to be looking at this, sit down and listen to them (young people in care). Even if they're wrong or right, judge with them, not on their behalf.' Mehmet, a care leaver, interviewed in *Care Stories*

How can we hear what looked-after young people tell us about the care system? How can we ensure that those messages shape policy?

'Care Stories' is a film which provides a unique opportunity to hear directly from those who use the care system. It features seven young people who describe their experiences in care in their own words. Their thought-provoking testimony raises important questions which go to the heart of policy for looked-after children and adolescents.

Julia Granville will introduce the film; explain its context and the use of oral history methodology. The issues raised by the film will be explored by Dr Caroline Lindsey. She will discuss these with reference to the legislative and policy changes which are currently restructuring the care system.

Presenters

Dr Caroline Lindsey is a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist and systemic family psychotherapist who, until recently, worked full-time at the Tavistock Clinic and was one of the original members of the Fostering and Adoption Team. She chaired the CAMHS external working group of the Children's NSF and represented mental health on the National Children's Taskforce. She was previously the chair of the faculty of child and adolescent psychiatry at the Royal College of Psychiatrists. She has recently co-edited a book published by Karnac, entitled 'Creating New Families.'

Julia Granville is a Systemic Psychotherapist and Social Worker at the Tavistock Clinic. She has extensive experience in the area of child protection and currently works in the Fostering and Adoption and Kinship Care Service at the Tavistock Clinic, with children unable to live with their biological parents. Julia has developed a particular interest in working with relatives raising

children in the extended family. She is involved in training social workers and family therapists to work with children and families. Julia contributed to the making of the film and was co-editor of the book, 'Care Stories.'

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.

Future Seminars/Conference

This is the first of a series of 3 policy seminars about children in care and social exclusion, leading up to a major conference about children in care and the current 'Care Matters' policy agenda:

Falling between Minds

15 November 2007 (6pm - 8pm)

Predictive Policy

6 December 2007 (6pm - 8pm)

Care Matters: Holding Children in Mind

27 - 28 February 2008

Conference about Children in Care and the current 'Care Matters' policy agenda, hosted by the Tavistock Clinic, BAAF and Coram Family. More details to follow.

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