

FAITH, DISABILITY AND SAFEGUARDING NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Protecting and promoting safeguarding
and inclusion of disabled children and
young people in faith-based and
community settings



Date:

Wednesday 16th
November 2016

Time:

9.30am – 4.30pm

Venue:

NSPCC
National Training Centre
3 Gilmore Close
Beaumont Leys
Leicester
LE4 1EZ

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It has been 10 years since Include Me TOO with NSPCC highlighted the much needed issues of safeguarding Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) disabled children and young people and the role of faith-based settings to protect and promote the welfare of all children in faith settings.

We are building on the strengths and lessons learnt to date with our partners to provide solutions, increase cultural competences and awareness by threading together the diverse breadth of cultural and safeguarding issues. Include Me TOO's Multi-Faith and Disability work continues to highlight the many barriers families experience within their communities, these range from negative attitudes, exclusion, misconceptions which further enhance pessimism.

We must increase awareness, understanding and inclusion in regards to disabilities within our communities and challenge misinformation, negative perceptions and myths regarding disability. We must protect and safeguard the rights, dignity and choices of disabled children and young people.

This conference is necessary to facilitate the change and discussion, providing information, resources to implement safe, supportive and inclusive practices. We all need to work together to create a safer tomorrow for all children and young people.

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Parmi Dheensa (Include Me TOO Executive Director)

The conference aims to:

- Increase cultural awareness and understanding of areas to be considered in safeguarding within our diverse communities
- Support the cultural competences of service providers and relevant professionals in regards to cultural practices, safeguarding and intervention
- Improve understanding on matters of safeguarding in relation to disabled children, young people in faith and community settings
- Facilitate change that will create more inclusive, disability friendly and safer faith and local communities for Black, Asian and minority ethnic disabled children and young people
- Develop a Faith and Disability inclusive charter for disability friendly settings

Who should attend?

- Statutory agencies
- Voluntary/Community and Faith organisations and groups
- Parents/carers
- Disabled persons
- Children and young people practitioners and workers
- School/college and university staff/governors
- Public services commissioners
- Policy-makers and service managers

SPEAKERS:

TBC Department for Communities and Local Government

Parmi Dheensa Executive Director - Include Me TOO

David Miller Development and Impact Manager - NSPCC

Meg Fassam-Wright Implementation Manager - National FGM Centre

Luthfa Khan Project Lead - Challenging vulnerability, trauma and abuse in the lives of people

- with learning disabilities - Respond

Carolyn Gent / Training and Project Development Co-ordinator - SCWA (*Stop Child Witch Accusation*)

TBC Forced Marriages Unit

Workshops

Workshop 1:

How can we ensure safeguarding disabled children & young people in faith settings?

Shirley Wilson - NSPCC (Deaf & Disabled children and young people)
Shirley Maginley - NSPCC (Faith and Minority Ethnic Communities)

Workshop 2:

Understanding the issues around Forced Marriages with people with Learning disabilities.

Luthfa Khan – Respond Project Lead - Challenging vulnerability, trauma and abuse in the lives of people with learning disabilities

Workshop 3:

Barriers to disclosure of CSE and grooming for young people from BAME communities and those with learning disabilities.

Bina Radcliffe – (NWG) National Working Group tackling child sexual exploitation
Rani Bilkhu – Jeena

Workshop 4:

Working towards building safe, inclusive disability friendly faith settings.

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Workshop 5:

Lessons learned in addressing the phenomenon of witchcraft accusations against children.

Susie Howe and Carolyn Gent – SCWA
(Stop Child Witchcraft Accusations)

Workshop 6:

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) awareness and intervention.

Meg Fassam-Wright – National FGM Centre

‘Respond are proud to be part of this conference as this opens doors and conversation into a very important topic around faith, disability and safeguarding as we know how important these topics play a part when supporting forced marriage cases. The more understanding we have the better measures we have to notice potential signs / risks and be able to effectively safeguard those most vulnerable in the community’.

‘The NWG is supportive of this event as we recognise the importance of raising awareness and training practitioners about specific issues faced by some marginalised groups of young people. It is important to identify and provide support to these very vulnerable young people at the earliest opportunity and recognise their individual and unique needs. Far too often, these young people are not seen as having the same wants and needs as their peers due to their race, gender, intellect and other factors so it is important for professionals to advocate on their behalf’.

‘SCWA welcomes the opportunity to participate in this conference on Faith, Disability and Safeguarding, organised by Include Me TOO. When it comes to bringing about change in beliefs and practices that harm children, it is vital that there is a deep, contextual understanding of the worldviews and local cultures in which these beliefs and practices prevail and essential to address the roots of harm in order to prevent it. SCWA hopes that this conference will set all participants on a journey towards greater awareness and understanding, so that we can all be more effective at safeguarding the most vulnerable in our societies’.

“The National FGM Centre is pleased to be participating in this conference and to support the development of increased knowledge and understanding around the issues associated with Faith, Disability and Safeguarding.”

Booking Form

Faith, Disability & Safeguarding National Conference:

To book your place, please complete Booking Form

Name(s):
Job Role:
Organisation/Group Name:
Address:
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Postcode:
Email Address: Telephone:

Section 2: (All participants who complete the full day will receive a Certificate of Attendance.)

You will be able to attend two workshops during the conference please add to boxes in order of preference 3 choices.

Workshops

- ☐ 1: How can we ensure safeguarding disabled children & young people in faith settings?
☐ 2: Understanding the issues around Forced Marriages with people with Learning disabilities.
☐ 3: Barriers to disclosure of CSE and grooming for young people from BAME communities and those with learning disabilities.
☐ 4: Working towards building safe, inclusive disability friendly faith settings.
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Section 3:

Do you have any dietary/access requirements? Please provide details.

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☐ Please indicate if you require a BSL interpreter.
☐ Please indicate if you require an induction loop.

Vegetarian food and a prayer room will be provided.

Section 4: Registration fees

Please tick the appropriate box and complete your details below.

(A subsidised rate for parents/carers, disabled persons is available please get in touch with us directly)

I wish to book a place at the following rate

Statutory and large organisations ☐ £70

Small Voluntary/community/faith groups and organisations ☐ £45

NOTE:
Closing date to book a place
Friday 11th November 2016

Payment

I enclose a cheque for £ made payable to Include Me TOO.

Please invoice me for £ at the address above/at the following address (delete as appropriate).

Invoice address:

Name:

Address:
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Postcode:

To book a place please complete booking form & return to:

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