

Too old to care?

Improving support for family and friends carers

PROGRAMME

MORNING SESSION

chaired by **Robert Tapsfield**, Chief Executive, the Fostering Network and Chair of the Kinship Care Alliance.

- 09.30am Arrivals - tea & coffee
10.15am Welcome speech by **Jean Stogdon, Co-Chair and Co-Founder of Grandparents Plus**
10.20am Campaign film and personal experience of grandparent carers
10.30am New campaign and report findings – **Sarah Wellard, Policy and Research Manager, Grandparents Plus**
10.45am Challenging age discrimination – **Dame Philippa Russell, Chair of the Standing Commission on Carers**
11.00am Supporting carers with multiple caring roles, **Emily Holzhausen, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Carers UK**
11.15am COFFEE BREAK
11.30am Family and Friends Care a changing picture – **Cathy Ashley, Family Rights Group**
11.45am Leading the way - developing professional practice in kinship care – **Cathy Blair, Director of Child Protection at Islington Council**
12noon Questions from the floor
12.30pm - 1.15pm LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

chaired by **Malcolm Dean**, Guardian journalist, author and commentator

- 1.15pm Second campaign film
1.30pm **Tim Loughton MP, Minister for Children & Families**
The role of kinship carers in caring for children – new Statutory Guidance.
1.45pm Q&A to the Minister.
2.00pm Panel discussion: implementing the Statutory Guidance to better promote kinship carers
2.30pm Choice of the following workshops:
– **Implementing the new Statutory Guidance** – Cathy Ashley, Family Rights Group
– **Supporting and managing contact** – John Simmonds, British Association for Adoption and Fostering
– **Kinship care in BME families** – Elaine Arnold, Separation and Reunion Forum
– **Running effective support groups for kinship carers** – Lynn Chesterman, The Grandparents' Association and Chris Leaves, Kinship Carer
– **Meeting the challenge – improving kinship care practice** – Harpreet Dhanjal, Brent Kinship Care Team
– **Challenging age discrimination in kinship care** – Jean Stogdon, Grandparents Plus and Hedi Argent, family placement consultant.
3.30pm COFFEE BREAK
4.00pm Feedback from workshops – what next for kinship care practice?
4.30pm Completion of feedback forms & close.

Note – programme subject to change.



Grandparents Plus booking form

Campaign launch event

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Date

Wednesday 29th June 2011

Venue

Mothers Union, Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3RB

Return this form to Peter Hulme by emailing peter.hulme@grandparentsplus.org.uk or fax: 020 8709 8189 ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Delegate Name: _____ Date: _____

Job Title: _____ Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please state any special requirements you may have (e.g. Wheelchair access, BSL sign language interpreters, large printouts etc):

Please state any dietary needs (e.g. gluten free): _____

Delegate Rates (Please tick relevant box)

- £50.00 Standard delegate rate
- £30.00 Reduced rate for members of the Kinship Care Group for Professionals OR registered charities in the UK
- £20.00 Early Bird booking rate if booked before Tues 7 June 2011**
- £0.00 I cannot attend the conference but please send me the material from the day

A limited number of free places are available for family and friends carers. Contact us for details.

See our website: www.grandparentsplus.org.uk for details of how to join the Kinship Care Group for Professionals (for Local Authority Social Workers)

How to Pay

Please send payment by cheque, prior to the event, to: Peter Hulme, Grandparents Plus, 18 Victoria Park Square, London, E2 9PF. Cheques to be made payable to 'Grandparents Plus'. Please do not send cash.

If you would prefer to pay by invoice please provide the following

Address to send invoice to: _____

Purchase order number (if applicable): _____

Deadline for receipt of bookings and payment is: 10th June 2011

Cancellation deadline: 14th June 2011. Late cancellations and non-attendance (including those with free places) will result in delegates being charged £30. By making this booking, you consent to this agreement.

Data protection

The personal information you provide will be held on a database by Grandparents Plus in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____