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Visitor information

Collect your CPD certificate - 4pm

You are invited to join us on the London Borough of Hounslow stand at 4pm to network with fellow visitors and exhibitors, reflect on the day's learning, and collect your CPD certificate.

Food and drink

There is no need to leave the venue for lunch, as a variety of refreshments and food options will be available throughout the day in the Tyburn Market on the ground floor. You are welcome to bring your lunch to The Networking Lounge on the first floor, providing a comfortable space to relax and recharge before continuing with a day of networking and CPD.

Important seminar information

Seats in seminar rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be booked in advance (except those specified). Once a room reaches capacity, entry will be restricted. Rooms must be vacated between sessions - even if you plan to attend the next one in the same room - to ensure fair allocation of seats and to comply with health and safety requirements. We thank you for your cooperation.

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Photographs are taken throughout the day. These will be used in promotional materials for future events. Attendance at the event signifies acceptance of this use.

Would your organisation like to exhibit next year?

To reserve an exhibition stand for next year's event, please speak to one of the team at the COMPASS stand and we will be able to discuss your requirements.

We want to be a place where people work together to transform the lives of children, adults, families, and residents

Be part of our future in Hounslow



Hounslow is a place where people work together to transform the lives of all our communities. We have an excellent career development pathway and are committed to our 'grow your own' policy.

To find out more about Hounslow, career pathways and current opportunities please follow the QR codes.



Opportunities for professionals working with children



Opportunities for professionals working with adults

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The London Borough of Hounslow is a vibrant, exciting place to visit, stay and explore, with many hidden gems. Miles of rivers – including the Thames, canals, nature reserves and parks, bustling town centres, and a fantastic leisure offer.

Bordering with Richmond, Ealing, and Heathrow Airport in Hillingdon, the borough boasts some of the most historic and biodiverse open spaces in London and a diverse population that ensures an incredible selection of specialist shops and cuisines from around the world. The borough features modern housing estates, quiet suburbs, green belt villages like Heston and bustling and fashionable cosmopolitan districts such as Chiswick. The borough has excellent transport links: the A4 and M4 run through the borough and the area has 8 London Underground stations and 7 mainline railway stations.

Experience incredible heritage from Highway Men, the Rothschild's first Country House, the Battle of Brentford, and boat building on the Thames; to being the home of Hogarth, Mo Farah, and Freddie Mercury.

We are proud that Hounslow is a real community of communities and one of the most culturally diverse areas in the UK. Over 250,000 people live in the borough. Hounslow was in 2021 recognised & named the best Council in the country for consistently delivering high quality services and making significant improvements to the lives of its residents.

Our workforce is our greatest asset

Social Work in Hounslow is underpinned by a culture of systemic and strengths-based practice with high quality relationships at the heart of what we do.

We have strong links with colleagues in adult services, and other specialist services linked to children with special educational needs and disabilities and a clear focus on developing Early Help services and Family Hubs, furthering our commitment to community based and accessible support. Our workforce is our greatest asset, we are committed to providing high quality training and development to encourage career development and achieve the best outcomes for children and families.

We listen

Children, young people and families are at the heart of all we do here in Hounslow. We listen to what children, young people and families have to say about what we do and how and where we do it because their say matters. Putting children, young people and families first is at the heart of our Family Friendly vision and we are committed to developing and supporting our workforce to deliver excellent services using resilience-based approaches. We want our children, their families, and the communities that they live within to thrive and achieve, and you will be key in helping us achieve that aim.

We have an excellent career development pathway and are committed to our 'grow your own policy' which has resulted in many social workers beginning their career in Hounslow and becoming managers and entering senior leadership. We are looking for skilled, dynamic and motivated professionals who are aspirational for children and young people with the ability to drive change in the families and professional systems they work within. If you thrive in a child-centred and creative environment – Hounslow could be for you.



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Hounslow recognises that our workforce is our most valuable asset to change the lives of vulnerable children, young people, families, and residents. Our commitment is to develop a stable, highly skilled, and valued workforce that works to consistently high standards and promotes the welfare of our community. We want Hounslow Children & Adult Services to be a place where people want to work together to transform the lives of children, adults, families, and residents.



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COMPASS



Come and meet the team who put this event together.

We specialise in events, marketing, and publishing for the social work and social care sector.

We organise three events throughout the year across the UK with the COMPASS Jobs Fairs in London and Birmingham, and The Social Work Show in Manchester, as well as producing social work publications.

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National Fostering Group



National Fostering Groups story is one of passion, growth and commitment to making a difference. From the beginning, we've focused on providing the highest quality of foster care across the UK and we're proud to be the largest independent fostering provider in the UK.

ParentAssess



A leading training provider dedicated to equipping social work professionals with practical skills and essential knowledge. Our specialist parenting assessment model is the most widely recognised framework in the UK. We offer a diverse range of training courses for all professionals working with families in social care.

Portsmouth City Council



Join Portsmouth City Council (Stronger Futures) and discover what makes us #ProudToBePortsmouth in children's social care.



Meet our family support and safeguarding and fostering team, win a hamper of Portsmouth treats and learn more about our Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE) programme.

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West Sussex County Council



We're committed to putting Children First, creating the right environment and providing the best learning opportunities so good social work practice can flourish. Visit us on our stand and find out how we use the Family Safeguarding Model, how West Sussex can change your life and how you can change West Sussex.

WillisPalmer



WillisPalmer is a provider of child protection and social work services. We offer independent social work, psychological, psychiatric and forensic risk assessments, as well as Family Support and Reverse Residential services.

We provide multi-disciplinary, trauma-informed interventions to safeguard children and support families, working with local authorities, courts, and other agencies.





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Dr Neil Thompson, Writer & Educator
10.00-10.40am

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Abiola Bamidele, Deputy Team Manager
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Omar Mohamed, Principal Social Worker
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Jerome Harvey-Agyei, London's VRU
Lisa Hackett, Chief Social Worker, Frontline
10.20-11.20am

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Dr Peter Buzzi, Author
11.00-11.40am

Meeting the Social Work England CPD requirements
Dr Carol Stewart, Social Worker and Trainer
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Confidence and safety in home visits
Vicki Shevlin, Social Worker and Trainer
11.10-11.50am

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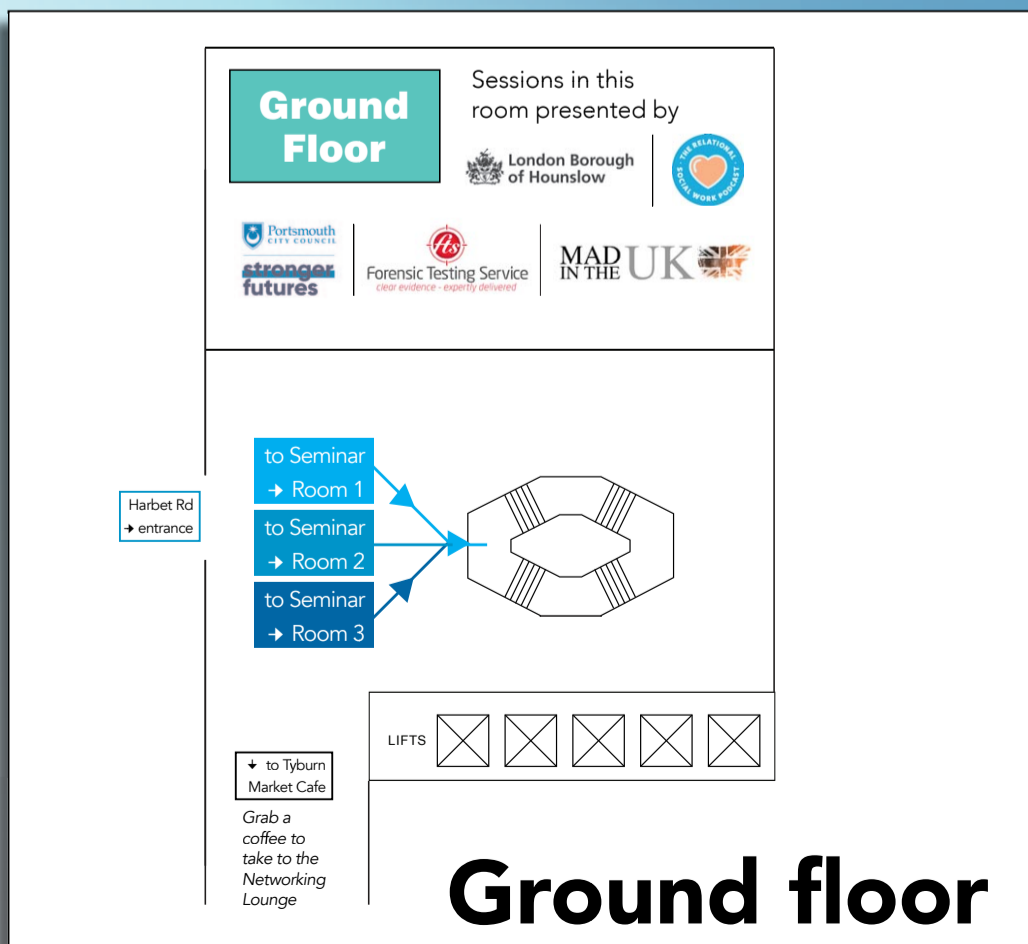
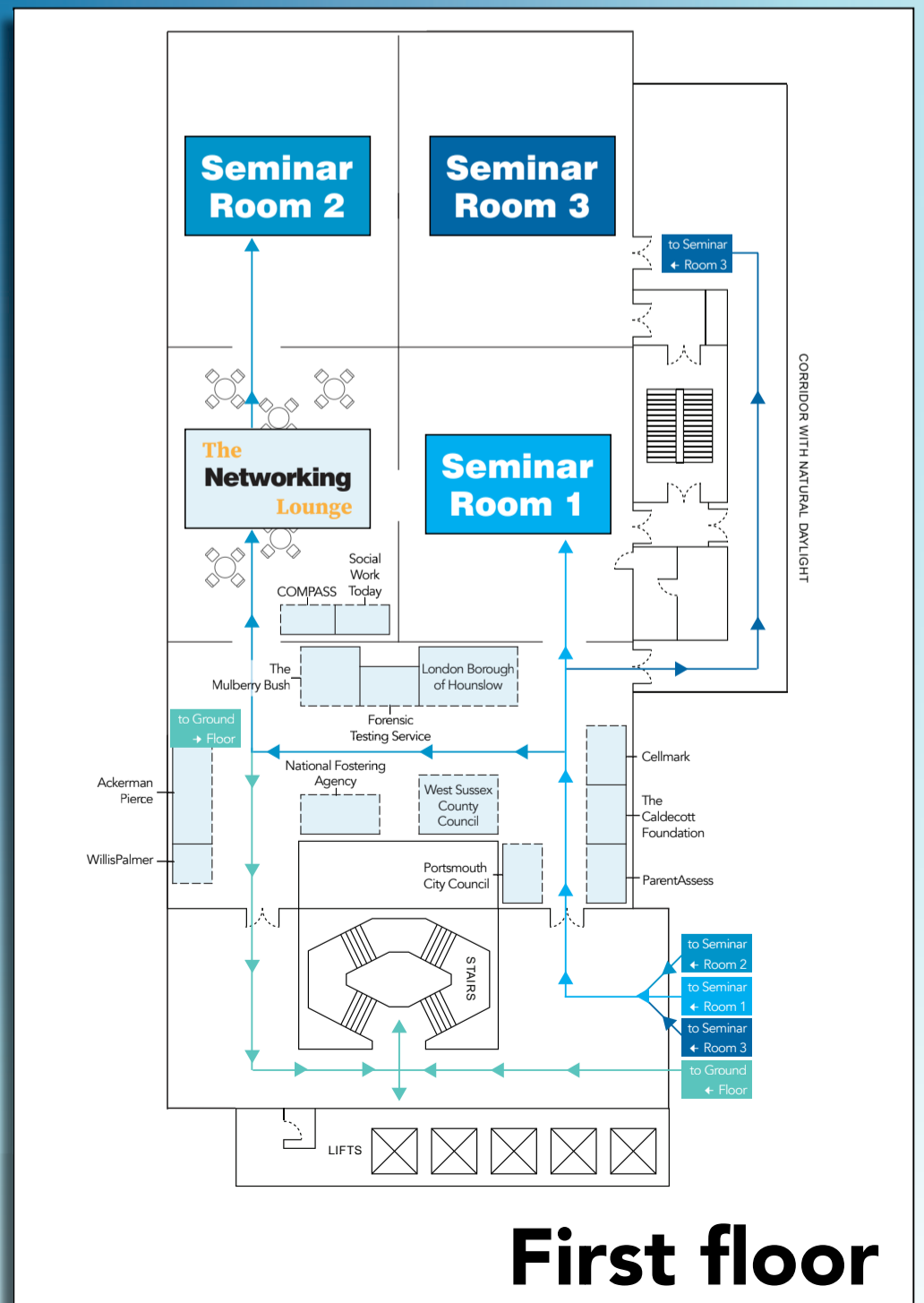
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A full conference timeline showcasing the seminars, workshops, and key sessions taking place throughout the day

10.00 - 10.40
Seminar Room One

Keeping stress at bay
Dr Neil Thompson, Independent Writer, Educator and Adviser & Visiting Professor, The Open University




Stress can prove hugely costly in both human and financial terms. Despite this, it has become 'normalised' in many organisations – that is, people have come to expect to have to face unreasonable levels of pressure. This seminar clears up some of the myths and misunderstandings around stress – including the fallacy that it is inevitable. It explores the harm it can do, ways of managing pressures and support with the aftermath of a stress episode.

Dr Neil Thompson has been writing, teaching and training about stress management for many years. He has had many considerable successes in helping individuals, teams and whole organisations to rise to the challenges presented by stress.

10.10 - 10.50
Seminar Room Three

Anti-racist learning from family group conferencing with racially minoritised families
Omar Mohamed, Principal Social Worker, Brent Council




This presentation examines the potential for anti-racism in Family Group Conferencing (FGC) with racially minoritised families and considers what this might mean for social work.

To do this, it draws on the systematic literature review I completed as part of my Bachelors in Social Work dissertation (Mohamed, 2023). The literature suggests racially minoritised families find FGC to be empowering and that at times, it meets their cultural needs, however, we need to be curious about how culturally adaptable FGC is for racially minoritised communities in the United Kingdom.

10.20 - 11.00
Seminar Room Two


Preparing for adulthood: Helping young people prepare for independence
Abiola Bamidele, Deputy Team Manager, Adults with Learning Disability and Autism Service, London Borough of Hounslow



Practitioners will discuss the work of the Independent Futures Team and how they work collegiately with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Children Services and Commissioning, sharing their Preparing for Adulthood Protocol and good news stories from young people and their families.

10.20 - 11.20
Ground Floor

PANEL: Can multi-agency child protection teams be relational?
Matt Clayton and Hannah Bedford, Social Workers, Live recording with panel
The Relational Social Work Podcast



Hannah and Matt are recording The Relational Social Work Podcast Live at COMPASS Jobs Fair, London. The podcast focusses on the importance of connection and relationships in social work 'with' children, young people and their families, exploring this through meaningful conversations with inspiring leaders from across the sector.

They are joined by: Kam Kaur – Senior Social Worker / Consultant at Parenting Apart Programme, Jerome Harvey-Agyei - Youth Participation Lead The Mayor Of London's violence reduction unit, Lisa Hackett – Chief Social Worker at Frontline.

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11.00 - 11.40
Seminar Room One


Generative AI and its implications for safeguarding, identity, relationships and wellbeing
Dr Peter Buzzi, Director, Centre for Safeguarding and Wellbeing Practice and Research



This is an evidence-informed session that offers an opportunity for reflection on the possibilities and implications of generative AI and its significance for safeguarding. Thinking about the impact of social technologies and generative AI, we'll examine some practice examples and reflect on implications of AI for identity, relationships, and well-being.

11.10 - 11.50
Seminar Room Three

Before you knock: Confidence and safety on home visits
Vicki Shevlin, Trainer, COMPASS



Home visits are not simple, especially in safeguarding. Entering someone's home means stepping into their world. It requires sensitivity, self-awareness, and practical preparation. This seminar explores what happens before you knock, focusing on how practitioners can prepare mentally, emotionally and practically for visits that may carry risk, uncertainty or emotional intensity. This session will also equip you with practical tools, reflective strategies and confidence for one of social work's most complex tasks.

11.20 - 12.20
Seminar Room Two

Masterclass on meeting the CPD requirements for Social Work England re-registration
Dr Carol Stewart, Social Worker, Director Chinara Enterprises Ltd




Are you a social worker struggling to meet the CPD standards set by Social Work England? Join this masterclass to equip yourself with essential knowledge, practical tips, and effective tools to help you confidently meet your CPD requirements. Whether you're new to the profession or an experienced social worker, this masterclass will give you the tools you need to stay on top of your CPD requirements and make the process more straightforward and rewarding.

The session will also include the opportunity to reflect on a piece of CPD with a peer so that you can complete both parts of the Social Work England registration CPD requirements at the event.

12.00 - 12.40
Seminar Room One

Working in a trauma-informed way with parents
Cathy Sharman, Independent Trainer, ParentAssess




Many parents involved with social services have experienced trauma, whether in childhood or adulthood, which can affect how they think, learn, and respond to support. As a result, many traditional strategies for working with parents are ineffective and genuine long-term changes are not achieved. There's a common perception in social work that prioritising parents' needs might compromise child protection. However, in reality, children thrive when their parents are supported to care for them safely.

Join the ParentAssess seminar to explore key insights and practical strategies that help parents make meaningful, lasting changes—ensuring better outcomes for children.

12.00 - 1.00
Ground Floor


KEYNOTE: "The day I made a difference...": Schwartz Round: A space to discuss the emotional and social challenges of social work in a confidential and supportive environment
This will be a facilitated session with Hounslow staff sharing a work experience, followed by an open discussion, London Borough of Hounslow



Join this powerful and moving hour-long, reflective forum where staff discuss the emotional and social challenges of their work in a confidential, non-hierarchical space.

This will be a facilitated session, starting with 3-4 staff sharing a relevant work experience, followed by an open discussion to foster connection, support, and understanding among social work colleagues.

1.00 - 1.40
Seminar Room One


Domestic Abuse and the Law: Orders, Legal Aid, and Collaborative Support 

Rachael Bridges, Associate Solicitor Children Law and Domestic Abuse, Ringrose Law

Rachael will explain what Injunctions/Orders are available to victims of domestic abuse. She will run through the steps for obtaining a Non-Molestation Order and Occupation Order and explain the use of Undertakings. She will give an overview of the legal aid funding available and the eligibility criteria to qualify for Legal Aid.

Rachael will give a brief overview of how the Courts deal with domestic abuse allegations within children's proceedings and end with exploring how different professionals and agencies can work together to give better support to victims of domestic abuse.

1.10 - 1.50
Seminar Room Three


What self care really means as a social worker 

Vicki Shevlin, Trainer, COMPASS

Self-care is more than bubble baths and quick fixes – it's about building real boundaries that protect your wellbeing and sustain your practice. In this workshop, you'll gain the tools to recognise the difference between surface-level self-care and strategies that truly support you as a professional and a person. Learn how to create healthier patterns, maintain balance, and prioritise your needs without guilt.

Join Vicki for a reflective and empowering session designed to help you thrive in social work, not just survive.


1.20 - 2.00
Seminar Room Two

Neurodiversity and social work: Is it procrastination... or executive dysfunction? 

Lauren Crickmar, Independent Social Worker

Lauren provides expert court reports for parents with a learning disability or who are neurodivergent (ND), assessing with insight from her lived experience of her own neurodiversity. This workshop examines what neurodivergence is, the challenges, strengths and key issues within society that impact on ND communities, in particular, social care staff and families. Join her to gain an understanding of executive functioning to enable social workers to better understand the neurodiverse families that they work with, instead of labelling them as lazy or unmotivated.


1.20 - 2.00
Ground Floor

Innovating fostering: Recruitment, retention and relational practice 

Mark Jowett, Head of Children We Care For, Portsmouth City Council

Explore how Portsmouth City Council is developing approaches to foster carer recruitment and retention through a values-led model that prioritises children's needs and long-term stability. Focusing on keeping children close to their communities, the discussion will outline how the Mockingbird model strengthens support networks, and how an emerging Intensive Fostering model offers tailored, wraparound care for children with complex needs. The session is suitable for practitioners, managers and those interested in innovative approaches to fostering and family-based care.

2.00 - 2.40
Seminar Room One


Mental Capacity, a human rights issue – good practice in MCA and DoLS 

Val Norris, Service Manager, London Borough of Hounslow

This seminar will look at the power of the Mental Capacity Act to protect the human rights of people with cognitive impairment and best practice in using the legislation. With the transition from Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) to the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) on the horizon, this session will focus on what good practice looks like now and in the future. It will unpack common challenges, from assessing capacity to balancing risk, consent, and best interests, and highlight practical approaches that keep human rights at the centre of decision-making.

Participants will leave with strengthened understanding, practical examples, and reflective tools to promote lawful, compassionate, and person-centred practice in everyday social work.

2.10 - 2.50
Seminar Room Three


The Supported Community Assessment: A reverse residential service 

Dave Wareham, Service Manager, WillisPalmer

The seminar provides an overview of WillisPalmer's Supported Community Assessment, a child-centered, multi-disciplinary approach to supporting and assessing families with complex needs and risks in their own home and community. Delivered by Family Support Workers (FSWs), Independent Social Workers (ISWs) and a psychologist if required, the service offers supervision, safeguarding observation, guidance, and teaching within the family's home.

Designed to inform court and local authorities' decisions, the model keeps the child's safety, needs, and timescales central, ensuring all decisions are underpinned on robust evidence gathered in the family's own environment.

2.20 - 3.00
Seminar Room Two

Writing Our Shared Future: Anti-racist and intersectional practice in social work 

Shantel Thomas, Social Work Leader, Activist, and Founder, and Lisa Zaranyika, Core Member, Anti-Racist Movement (ARM)

Join Shantel and Lisa for "Writing Our Shared Future: anti-racist and intersectional practice in social work" — a reflective interactive space dedicated to honest reflection on how anti-racism and intersectionality can shape the future of the profession.

Through creative exercises and thought-provoking dialogue, core ARM members will explore the lived experiences, challenges, and strengths of social workers from all backgrounds. Together, we will co-create meaningful strategies for more just, inclusive, and sustainable practice — ensuring every voice is heard as we build resilience and collective vision for change.



Relationships are central to social work practice.

The Relational Social Work Podcast explores the importance of connection and relationships in social work, celebrating excellent and innovative practice 'with' amazing children, young people and families, and having honest conversations about some of the struggles which we can face in children and families social work.

Join hosts Matt Clayton and Hannah Bedford in today's LIVE podcast recording with panel guests:

Kam Kaur Senior Social Worker/Consultant Parenting Apart	Jerome Harvey-Agyei Youth Participation Lead London's Violence Reduction Unit	Lisa Hackett Chief Social Worker Frontline
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10.20–11.20am Ground Floor



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Conference programme

2.20 - 2.50 Ground Floor	<p>Parental substance misuse and social work: Using hair strand testing effectively to support your practice</p> <p>Steve Nurdin, Senior Account Manager, Forensic Testing Service</p> <p>Join this session to explore best practices in hair strand testing (HST) for the Family Court, specifically tailored for social workers. Learn why traditional methods of instructing and reporting evidence from HST can fail to meet High Court requirements and why isolated results may be misleading. Participants will gain insights into the critical questions that ensure HST reports are reliable and aligned with Court standards.</p> <p>The session will cover factors affecting results, such as natural or dyed hair, and show how best practices can reduce costs in child protection cases. Speakers will also discuss when it is appropriate to test children.</p>	 Forensic Testing Service
3.10 - 3.50 Seminar Room One	<p>Managing conflict in social work</p> <p>Dr Neil Thompson, Independent Writer, Educator and Adviser & Visiting Professor, The Open University</p> <p>Conflict, if not well handled, can do untold damage to working relationships, organisational effectiveness and even to the mental health of the individuals involved. However, there are skills and strategies that can be developed to make sure that no one need fear conflict doing so much harm. In some circumstances, conflict can even have positive results.</p> <p>This seminar examines how conflicts arise and how they can be prevented or managed effectively. Successful conflict management can not only prevent or address significant problems but also boost confidence and a sense of security. Neil Thompson is a qualified mediator with extensive experience of teaching and training about conflict management.</p>	 Neil Thompson ACADEMY
3.20 - 4.00 Seminar Room Two	<p>Life story work: Helping children in care understand their past and build their future</p> <p>Jade Ferguson-Duncan, Advanced Practitioner, London Borough of Hounslow</p> <p>This workshop will explore Hounslow Council's approach to life story work and why it matters. Participants will learn how life story work helps children answer difficult questions about why they are in care, offers a secure anchor to their past, and creates a bridge to their future.</p> <p>Attendees will consider the role of social workers in facilitating these conversations, and how to handle sensitive or traumatic histories with compassion and care. By the end of the workshop, participants will have practical insights and strategies to embed life story work into practice, ensuring children in care feel a stronger sense of belonging, continuity, and identity.</p>	 London Borough of Hounslow
3.20 - 4.00 Seminar Room Three	<p>Using social media safely as a social worker</p> <p>Vicki Shevlin, Trainer, COMPASS</p> <p>Social media is part of everyday life – but how can you use it without putting your registration at risk? This interactive session will help you navigate professional guidelines with confidence, showing you how to share online safely, responsibly and authentically. You'll explore the opportunities social media offers for social workers, while learning practical strategies to avoid common pitfalls.</p> <p>Join Vicki to discover how to protect yourself, your career and the people you work with, and to understand the growing role of social media in the future of social work.</p>	 COMPASS <small>events • publications • training</small>
3.20 - 4.00 Ground Floor	<p>Understanding madness: A new psychosocial model of mental health in practice and theory</p> <p>Dr Robert Murphy, Mad in the UK</p> <p>In this session, Dr Murphy invites participants to understand how they might achieve a mind of their own despite the pitfalls they encounter on their journey through life. He sets aside psychiatric diagnoses and psychological conditions which medicalise and pathologise our feelings, thoughts, and actions. Instead, he focuses on madness as a state of mind we can all experience if distressing and disturbing circumstances conspire to overwhelm us and 'drive us crazy'. He emphasises that madness is a temporary and not a permanent state of mind, providing we can understand the source of our overwhelming feelings and thoughts, and the reasons for our actions. Becoming conscious of the source of each feeling can then signpost a way through our madness.</p>	 MAD IN THE UK

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