

Preliminary Programme

"All our friends"

Mediation collaborators and colleagues

A packed two days of meeting new and old friends from inside and outside the mediation profession, identifying the strategies and skills involved in managing complex family situations collaboratively. The conference will explore how to work with, incorporate and signpost to lawyers, financial advisers, children's resources, therapists etc. There will be the usual mix of stimulating guest speakers, panels and workshops, with plenty of time to share views throughout the conference.

FMA Conference Wednesday 2 – Thursday 3 October 2019

Day 1 Wednesday 2 October 2019

09.30 – 10.30 **Registration** with Tea/Coffee

10.30 – 10.40 **Introduction** FMA President Lord Justice Moylan

10.40 – 12.00 **Bringing people into the mediation room and signposting from the mediation room Pt I: Therapists and Lawyers. Discussion with Brian Cantwell and John Kermode, Peter Burgess and David Allison, led by Neil Robinson and Philippa Johnson**

12.00 – 12.10 **Break** - Coffee/Tea

12.10 – 13.30 **Bringing people into the mediation room and signposting from the mediation room Pt 2: Children and Finances. Discussion with Dominic Raeside, Bill Hewlett and Sheila Turner, Phil O'Connor and Liz Tait, led by Ruth Smallacombe and Beverley Sayers**

13.30 – 14.30 **Buffet Lunch and Exhibition**

14.30 – 15.50 **What's Out There? Presentations exploring new ways to approach old problems: including contributions from Charley Cooklin and Andy Hyde from Cafcass (It's Not About the Broccoli), Nav Mirza and Adam Colthorpe from Dads Unlimited (Co-Parenting Programme), Samantha Woodham and Harry Gates from the Divorce Surgery (legal advice on financial settlements); and John Kermode from Psychology.im Ltd (managing mediation intakes).**

15.50 – 16.00 **Break** - Coffee/Tea

16.00 – 17.30 **Choice of Workshops:**

Child Arrangements Programme Review – Outcomes and Initiatives (Helen Adam)

Emotional Readiness – models and strategies (Brian Cantwell and Neil Robinson)

Lawyers – what they want from us and what we want from them

(David Allison and Ruth Smallacombe)

17.30

Close of Day 1

**Followed by Gala Dinner: 19.30 for drinks, dinner at 20.00
(dress code: smart casual)**

Day 2

Thursday 3 October 2019

08.30 – 10.15 **Registration** with Tea/Coffee

09.30 - 10.15 **FMA AGM** (*FMA Members Only*) - including Chairman's and Treasurer's reports Election of new board members

10.15 - 10.20 **Welcome to Day 2 of Conference** - FMA President, Lord Justice Moylan

10.20 – 11.00 **John Cornwell Lecture** -- Karen Woodall – Karen is a recognised international expert in both assessment and treatment of parental alienation, a very highly regarded trainer and works as a trans-generational family therapist

11.00 - 11.15 **Break** - Coffee/Tea

11.15 – 12.45 **Making Connections – within the mediation world and outside the mediation world. How to establish links with mediation colleagues and how to establish links between your business and your local community. Discussion led by Ashley Palmer and Helen Adam**

12.45 - 13.45 **Buffet Lunch and Exhibition**

14.00 – 15.30 **Parallel workshops (choose one from four)**

All workshops feature skills/resources/information/strategies/theories/models and are presented by friends of FMA:

Advanced theories/models workshop (Neil Robinson and others)

Universal Credit – what you need to know (David Stickland)

Skills in mediating children cases (Ashley Palmer)

Addressing Relationship Breakdown (Judith MacDonald Lawson and Sheila Turner)

15.30 – 15.45 **Break** – Coffee/Tea

15.45 – 17.15 **Same parallel workshops as detailed at 13.45 (Choose one from four)**

17.15 – 17.20 **Closing remarks** - FMA President, Lord Justice Moylan

17.20 **Close of conference**