

Identifying good practices in, and improving, the connections between actors involved in reception, protection and integration of unaccompanied children in Europe.







Working together to ensure the protection and reception of unaccompanied children in Europe

You are invited as an expert in your field to attend a conference which has been organised as part of the EU Commission funded CONNECT Project. Similar conferences are also being held by our project partners in Sweden, Italy and the Netherlands.

Venue:

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer 65 Fleet Street London EC4Y 1HT

Date:

Friday 19th September 2014 9.30 – 5.00 CPD points will be available

PROGRAMME

The conference will include expert panel sessions and workshops on the key themes addressed in the CONNECT project, which include action to promote co-operation between different actors in legal and judicial proceedings involving unaccompanied and trafficked migrant children, the development of children's courts, the particular needs of unaccompanied children with special needs because of disability or being victims of human trafficking, unaccompanied children who go missing from care and the need for multi-agency participation when collecting information for the determination of and application by a child for asylum or other forms of international protection"



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KEY NOTE ADDRESS BY

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SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE

Sir Mathew Thorpe • Rebecca O'Donnell (CONNECT Project) • Mikaela Hagan (Save the Children, Sweden) • Nadine Finch (Barrister at Garden Court Chambers and UK Consultant for the CONNECT project) • Naomi Angell (Consultant at Osbornes Solicitors LLP and outgoing chair of the Family Law Committee of the Law Society) • Pat Monro (Fee-paid Immigration Judge) • Judith Dennis (Policy Manager, Refugee Council) • Adrian Matthews (Principle Policy Advisor (Asylum and Immigration), Office of the Children's Commissioner for England) • Ravi Kohli (Professor of Child Welfare, University of Bedfordshire) • Chloe Setter (Head of Advocacy, Policy & Campaigns (Child Trafficking), ECPAT UK) • Dragan Nastic (Senior Policy & Advocy Advisor, UNICEF UK) • Ann Haigh (Chair of NAGALRO) • Kamena Dorling (Policy and Programmes Manager, Coram Children's Legal Centre) and Nick Crichton, Deputy Judge (Retired).

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer will kindly be providing a sandwich lunch and a reception at the end of the conference as well as the venue.

Please join us for a day of expert discussion focusing on the rights of unaccompanied migrant children and how different experts can increase co-operation and participation to better meet the obligations contained in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Entry is by invitation.

Please RSVP to Katrina.hamilton99@hotmail.com