



**Adoption and Fostering Alliance  
Scotland**

# **SEMINAR BOOKING FORM**

## **Moving to Adoption**

Facilitator: Mary Beek, Senior Research Associate, University of East Anglia  
Date: 18 March, 2019  
Venue: Jurys Inn Hotel, 80 Jamaica Street, Glasgow  
Cost: £110.00 + VAT  
Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm  
(refreshments & lunch will be provided)

### **THEME**

There is currently a lot of debate about the process of moving children from foster care to adoption and how best to do this so that the child's emotional needs are kept at the centre, whilst also supporting the adopters and the foster carers.

Mary will introduce the findings of her recent research project, "Moving to Adoption" which she has been working on with Professor Elspeth Neil and Professor Gillian Schofield and which was completed in July 2018. Some of the areas looked at include current practice in moving children from foster care to adoption and how this can be improved, how plans should be directed and how can children be helped to think about and process their feelings about their foster family after adoption. Contact with foster carers after a child moves has also been considered. Key principles for planning a move to adoption have been developed and there will be practice guidance to accompany this. These issues are currently very "live" in Scotland and it is hoped that this event will inform the current debate.

The seminar will also include input from agencies in Scotland who have developed their practice in this area, which will provide an opportunity to learn from colleagues working within the Scottish context.

Mary is a Senior Research Associate at the University of East Anglia, and an experienced Social Worker. For the past ten years she has combined research and writing with various roles in fostering and adoption practice and management. Along with Gillian Schofield, she developed the Secure Base model which is widely used as a framework for therapeutic parenting in this country and internationally.

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Social workers, social work managers, panel co-ordinators, therapists, clinical psychologists and others working in the child mental health field, adoption & fostering panel members.

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