



## Legal Adoption and Fostering Forum Conference

### Hearing the Child in Adoption and Fostering

Friday 14 June 2019  
Double Tree by Hilton, Dundee  
10.00am – 4.30pm

#### Theme

The focus this year will be the child in the permanence process. We will discuss creating an environment where children feel able to speak out; where their views and needs are valued and how adults and systems can adapt to keep our focus firmly on the child's perspective. Legal principle, research findings, medical knowledge and good practice insight will inform and support delegates in contributing to a process which is truly child centred.

#### Speakers will include:

***The Rt Honourable Lord Carloway, Lord President of the Court of Session***

***Professor Judith Masson*** - World renowned academic will talk about her recent research study on outcomes for children from care proceedings.

***Dr Katherine Edward, Chartered and Clinical Psychologist, KEE Consultancy*** - Child psychologist with many years' experience working with children and appearing as a witness to assist courts in reaching child centred decisions

***Thomas Carlton, Practice Support Manager, Independent Care Review Secretariat***  
- A care experienced adult who will provide a unique perspective of his professional and personal observations.

***Dr Christine Jones, Senior Lecturer, School of Social Work & Social Policy, University of Strathclyde*** - Her research has looked at barriers to permanence for disabled children. She will address the need to seek the views of disabled children and those with a communication impairment.

***Irina Beaton, Senior Solicitor, Scottish Child Law Centre*** - Will speak about how the Centre provides legal advice and support to children who approach them for help.

***John Hall, Solicitor, Hall Norrie Warden*** - Will give the perspective of the curator ad litem

***Melissa Hunt, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, SCRA*** - Melissa will share methods adopted by SCRA to make sure the child's voice is heard, particularly in Hearings.

The day will again be chaired by ***Lynda J Brabender QC***, who specialises in family and child law and public law as it relates to children.

#### Who should attend

This informal, informative and popular annual event will appeal to a wide range of delegates including solicitors for local authorities and in private practice, members of the judiciary, social workers, safeguarders, children's reporters, panel members, foster carers, adopters, educationalists and health professionals.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

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Date: Friday 14 June 2019  
Time: Registration: 9.30am  
Conference: 10.00am – 4.30pm  
Venue: Double Tree by Hilton, Dundee, DD2 5JT

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