



The Current Face of Adoption

15 - 20 November 2021

Programme

(Bookings for all events can be made here - [Adoption Week 2021 - Adoption Scotland New](#))

Monday 15th November

13.00pm - 14.00pm

Whatever Next? - a conversation with international adoptees

This event will explore the narrative about adoption with Chinese adoptees and co-founders of Whatever Next?, an organisation aimed at broadening and facilitating open dialogue around adoption.

19.00pm - 20.30pm

Welcome and Information Session

A virtual event suitable for anyone considering adoption, as well as those in the early stages and beyond, who would like to find out more about the adoption process and the services available in Scotland. Join Scotland's Adoption Register, Adoption & Fostering Alliance (AFA) Scotland and Adoption UK Scotland to find out about all aspects of adoption, from the legal process to family-finding, and the kinds of support you may require after the adoption order has been granted. There will be a short presentation from each agency, with the opportunity to ask questions that can then be answered in an informal discussion session afterwards.

19.00pm - 20.00pm

What is TESSA? - information for parents

An event for adoptive parents to find out about Adoption UK post adoption support service. There will be a short presentation around what TESSA is and how to access the support service.

Tuesday 16th November

10.00am - 12.00noon

Maintaining Relationships - The Importance of Contact

Hosted by Adoption UK Scotland, this session will look at how we maintain relationships through indirect and direct contact. Hearing from professionals, adopters, adult adoptees about their experiences and best practice.

13.30pm - 14.30pm

What is TESSA? - information for professionals and practitioners

An event for professionals working with adoptive families to find out about Adoption UK post adoption support service. There will be a short presentation around what TESSA is and how to access the support service.

19.00pm - 20.30pm

Understanding FASD

A short presentation around key FASD facts and the FASD Hub Scotland service, together with discussions from individuals who have experienced FASD including professionals working in the field. There will also be a panel discussion from pre-submitted questions with a live Q & A session.

Wednesday 17th November

19.30pm - 21.30pm

Therapeutic Parenting

Creative and expressive ideas and ways of talking to children about their feelings. An insightful and invaluable 2 hour session on therapeutic parenting.

[Dr Karen Treisman](#)

Thursday 18th November

11.30am - 13.00pm

Risk and Resilience Following Trauma in Children

Discussion on how research into the psychological impact of early adversity helps us intervene to promote more resilient outcomes for children

[Professor Eamon McCrory, UK Trauma Council](#)

19.30pm - 21.30pm

Trauma Informed Educators

To best serve our adopted children who need TRAUMA INFORMED EDUCATORS. This session will look at the good practice in schools and what may still need to be done.

Friday 19th November

10.00am - 11.30am

Legal Surgery

[Chaired by Rhona Pollock, Legal Consultant, AFA Scotland](#)

Saturday 13th November

09.00am - 11.00am

Tumbles Soft Play, Edinburgh

Exclusive use of Tumbles soft play centre for 2 hours

Saturday 20th November

11.00am - 12.00noon

Family Online Disco with DJ Kev

Join our adoptive families across Scotland and take the chance to get your glam on in your own house to dance away the afternoon together

17.00pm - 19.00pm

Fun Street, Glasgow

Exclusive access to Fun Street with climbing walls, soft play, play street and so much more

