



Kent Adoption

Conference 2019

Developing One's Self: Identity and Belonging in Adoption

Friday 22nd March | 9:30 to 16:00

Oakwood House, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent

Chaired by Lloyd Glover & George Duffort

9:30 Registration, Refreshments and Networking

10:00 Introductions & Welcome

Caroline Smith - Assistant Director for Corporate Parenting, Kent County Council

Shellina Prendergast - County Councillor for Maidstone, Prendergast Rural East and Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

10:15 Adoption and Identity: Learning from The Experiences of Adoptees Across the Lifespan

Julie Young - Centre for Research on Children and Families, University of East Anglia

11:15 Refreshments and Networking

11:30 Adoption and Identity: Learning from The Experiences of Adoptees Across the Lifespan- continued

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13:00 Lunch & networking

14:00 Identity in The School Context

Dr Ana Draper - Clinical Lead & Consultant Systemic Psychotherapist, Post Adoption Support

Marian Smith – Deputy Head, Virtual School Kent, Kent County Council

14:45 The Role of VSK and its Offer for Previously Looked After Children

Tony Doran - Headteacher, Virtual School Kent, Kent County Council

15:45 Closing Remarks & Summary

Sarah Skinner - Head of Adoption