



WEST YORKSHIRE MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING TRAINERS

WYMAST Webinar Series March 2023 Professional Curiosity

WYMAST are delighted to be hosting the following webinar events across the Yorkshire Region.
Book early to avoid disappointment

Professor David Shemmings: Contemporary research around the importance of professional curiosity

Monday 6th March 2023: 13.00 – 14.30

During this session David will present contemporary research on the important concept of professional curiosity, such an essential quality in child protection work, given its complex nature.

To book please click link below:

[Important concept of professional curiosity Tickets, Mon 6 Mar 2023 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Farrah Khan: Supervising a Professionally Curious Workforce

Tuesday 7th March: 14:00 – 15:00

The aim of this session is to support those in supervisory roles to create a culture of professional curiosity within the context of practice. The session will explore barriers to professional curiosity, myth busting, tools and aids within supervision that empower practitioners to be curious.

To book please click link below:

[Supervising a Professionally Curious Workforce Tickets, Tue 7 Mar 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Catherine Knibbs: Curiosity in Practice. Why we need to understand the digital world, with empathy

Thursday 9th March: 13:00 – 14:30

The session will look at the process of working with clients and patients who use, consume and are living in a world surrounded by digital technologies. There will be a discussion on what empathy, compassion and social injustice look like in a world of ubiquitous and exponential systems that are heading into the everyday lives of practitioners, children and families. Case studies will be presented with a discursive section on the how and what-to-do approaches given the current lack of legislation available for professionals to lean on, whilst the Online Safety Bill and age assurance processes are put in place at governmental levels.

To book please click link below:

[Curiosity in Practice -Why we need to understand the digital world Tickets, Thu 9 Mar 2023 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

NWG: Lin Sands - Disrupting Perpetrators through a professionally curious multi-agency approach

Tuesday 14th March: 13.30 – 15.00

The focus of the session will be looking at how to disrupt perpetrators through a professionally curious Multi-agency approach to exploitation. We will include an overview of the NWG Disruption Toolkit, advice on how to get the most from the toolkit and highlight some of the techniques contained in the toolkit.

To book please click link below:

[Disrupting the exploitation of children and young people Tickets, Tue 14 Mar 2023 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Ruth Pearson: Disguised compliance

Wednesday 15th March: 10.00 – 11.30

The session will identify and address concerns about working with families who are partially compliant or deliberately mislead agencies and also consider lessons from practice, research and Serious Case/Child Practice Reviews regarding the implications for work to safeguard children in these families.

To gain further understanding of patterns of behaviour that indicate deception and risk and increase ability to assess risk to children living in families where their lived experience is not fully understood.

This course will also develop skills to identify and challenge deliberate avoidance and misrepresentation.

To book please click link below:

[Disguised compliance Tickets, Wed 15 Mar 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Learn more about our guest speakers in their Biographies below.

Guest speaker Bio's



David Shemmings OBE PHD

David Shemmings OBE PHD is Emeritus Professor of Child Protection Research at the University of Kent and Visiting Professor of Child Protection Research at Royal Holloway, University of London.



Farrah Khan MBE

Farrah Khan qualified as a social worker in 2002 after working in the voluntary and EY sector and currently works in Leeds as the Chief Officer for Family Help.

Farrah has extensive experience in safeguarding and partnership working and has worked a variety of roles throughout her career including Social Worker, Advanced Practitioner, Child Protection Chair, Adoption Panel Member, Team Manager, Service Manager for Front Door, Principal Social Worker, and Head

of Service for the Integrated Safeguarding Unit in Leeds.

Farrah has been involved in driving national, regional, and local learning in her role as Principal Social Worker and Chair of the National Principal Social Workers Network and delivered training on a range of issues including domestic violence, equality and diversity, relationships in social work, emotional resilience and decision making.



Cath Knibbs

Human Behaviour Technologist

Cath is an author, clinician, researcher, educator, speaker, and mum with a background in the Armed Forces Engineering and Optronics, IT, Gaming and Psychology alongside Functional Health and her other passion of Neuroscience. She is a polymath and pattern recognition nerd. She synthesises the presenting

issues that people bring to her clinic around online harms and our behaviours online with child development theories, science, and research to highlight the larger issues at hand for the human race. She is a futurist regarding the issues we face as we progress with exponential technology. She is an advocate for ethical tech and our rights and freedoms to privacy and protection now and in the future. She educates professionals on data protection, cybersecurity and privacy laws and provides online safeguarding training to give those responsible for children a wakeup call as to the spaces children need protection in and around. She is in the middle of her PhD and writing another book or two, blogging and finding time to sleep. She hasn't invented a time expansion machine yet to assist with all the things she has yet to achieve.

Visit [Children and Technology](#) to learn more



Lin Sands

Lin has more than 30 years of safeguarding/investigation experience gained from an extensive career in the police force.

Lin is a highly qualified Safeguarding Subject Expert, Expert Witness, Advocate, and nationally renowned Safeguarding Trainer/Consultant. In addition, she is a highly regarded Independent Investigator/Risk Assessor, Coach and Mentor.

Lin is a former Regional Practice Co-Ordinator with the National Counter Trafficking Service (Barnardo's) where she undertook a variety of roles including Independent Child Trafficking Guardian, Facilitator/Modern Slavery Act Advisor/Risk Assessor.

Lin also holds a master's degree in Disability Studies; her dissertation focused about access to justice & particularly the use of Special Measures for 'Vulnerable Witnesses/Defendants', within the Criminal Justice process.

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Ruth Pearson

Ruth Pearson has over 30 years' experience in the field of safeguarding children, originally as a practicing social worker and subsequently as a Senior Practitioner in Child Protection. She then became involved in multi-agency child protection training and development and managed safeguarding training services for two ACPCs/LSCBs. She has an MA in Child Welfare and Protection, from Huddersfield University.

Ruth has taught on undergraduate, postgraduate, and post qualifying social work courses at both Sheffield Hallam University and the University of Sheffield. She is the author of *Working with Hostile or Uncooperative Families in Good Practice in Safeguarding Children* (Hughes & Owen, 2009) and guidance on *Disguised Compliance for Community Care Inform* (2013). She has been the independent author of several Serious Case Reviews and Audits of Practice for LSCBs using Appreciative Inquiry methods.