
09:30 Registration and Refreshments

10:00 Introductory Remarks
Sheona York (Reader in Law and Immigration Solicitor, Kent Law Clinic)
Baljeet Sandhu (Director of Migrant and Refugee Children’s Legal Unit (MiCLU) at Islington Law Centre)

10:20 Meeting the Challenge of Welcome
Liz Clegg (Founding Director of the ‘Unofficial’ Women and Children’s Centre, Calais Jungle, and Meena UK): Reflections on the journey of young people to the UK and the challenge of welcome
Catriona MacSween (Service Manager, Scottish Guardianship Service): Guardianship of separated and trafficked young people in Scotland

11:00 Refreshment Break

11:15 Panel Discussion: Care and support of separated children in the UK
Chair: Jennifer Ang (MiCLU)
Dr Ana Draper (UASC Project in Kent Reception Centres): The physical and mental health needs of unaccompanied and separated young people arriving in Kent
Shu Shin Luh (Barrister, Garden Court Chambers): Care and support of separated young people after the Immigration Act 2016
Dr Zoe Given-Wilson (Centre for the Study of Emotion in Law): Trauma and mental health of separated children and young people

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Panel Discussion: Legal concepts in the protection of separated children in the UK
Chair: Sheona York (Kent Law Clinic)
Dr Kathryn Cronin (Barrister, Garden Court Chambers): Understanding complex legal definitions and barriers to protection and support

Baljeet Sandhu (Director, MiCLU, Islington Law Centre): Understanding child-specific persecution and harm

Daniel Rourke (Solicitor, The Migrants’ Law Project, Islington Law Centre): Dublin III and Family Reunion for Child Refugees

Polly Brendon (Solicitor, Public Law Project): Access to justice and legal aid for separated children in the UK

15:00 Refreshment Break

15:15 Keynote Address: The Lord Dubs: Britain’s Commitment to Welcoming Refugee Children to the UK

15:30 Concluding Discussion: Working Together to Meet the Challenge of Welcoming Children to the UK

George Gabriel (Lead Organiser, Citizens UK): Connecting communities and inspiring change: Lessons from Citizens UK’s work in Calais and London

Speak Out!: Audience discussion led by George Gabriel (Citizens UK) and Baljeet Sandhu and Jennifer Ang (MiCLU)

16:30 Close