

# Programme (subject to change)

09.30 – 10.00	Registration and refreshments
10.00 – 10.10	Welcoming remarks Di McNeish, Director of Policy and Research, Barnardo's
10.10 – 10.25	Why what works matters Jane Campbell, Chair of the Social Care Institute for Excellence
10.25 – 10.45	What matters to children and young people? Peter Clarke, Children's Commissioner for Wales
10.45 – 11.00	Q & A session
11.00 – 11.15	Refreshments
11.15 – 12.45	Workshop session one Delegates can attend one of the workshops available
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 15.15	Workshop session two Delegates can attend one of the workshops available
15.15 – 15.35	Participatory research and evaluation Claire Turner, Research and Development Officer, Barnardo's
15.35 – 15.55	Promoting resilience Tony Newman, Principal Officer – Research and Development, Barnardo's
15.55 – 16.15	Feedback and discussion
16.15	Refreshments and close

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### How do we create effective services for children and families?

Children’s services are currently facing major reorganisation. Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnerships, the piloting of Children’s Trusts, the publication of the Children Bill and the forthcoming National Service Framework for Children are all intended to improve quality and effectiveness. The focus of this conference is on the planning, development and delivery of services which are fully informed by the best available evidence of ‘What works?’ for children and families, and what really matters to those our services are intended to help.

Barnardo’s has been promoting an evidence-based approach to children’s services since the mid-1990s. During the last 10 years we have commissioned leading academics and expert practitioners to review research about how best to work with children across a wide range of subject areas. We are now re-launching our ‘What works?’ series for new times. The boundaries between research and practice are becoming more fluid and many practitioners are also research-active while researchers increasingly work collaboratively with practitioners. The conference will bring ‘What works?’ authors together with practitioners and service planners to examine the evidence of ‘What works’ and what matters? in children’s lives.

## Speakers

Peter Clarke, Children’s Commissioner, Wales – What matters to children and young people

Jane Campbell, Chair of the Social Care Institute for Excellence – Why what works matters

Tony Newman, Principal Officer – Research and Development, Barnardo’s – Promoting resilience

Claire Turner and Barnardo’s peer research group – Participatory research and evaluation

Participants can attend two workshops to hear directly from the ‘What works’ authors in their own area of practice and to debate how best to develop more evidence-informed practice in services for children.

## Workshops

Workshops will explore the link between research, policy and practice.

- Adoption and foster care: Terry Philpot, freelance writer, Clive Sellick, University of East Anglia, and June Thoburn, University of East Anglia
- Supporting parents with learning disabilities: Sue McGaw, Cornwall Primary Care Trust
- Strategic partnership working for children: Janie Percy-Smith, freelance researcher and evaluator
- Leaving care: Mike Stein, University of York
- Supporting troubled children: Ann Buchanan, University of Oxford
- Improving the mental health of looked after children: Sara Scott, Barnardo’s
- Addressing sexually harmful behaviour displayed by children and young people: Simon Hackett, University of Durham
- Children affected by substance misuse: Beverly Powis, Barnardo’s and David Best, National Addiction Centre
- Reducing health inequalities: Mary Duffy, Barnardo’s
- Promoting meaningful participation: Angela Hutton, Barnardo’s
- Using research in practice: Sarah Frost, Evidence Network/Barnardo’s

We are entering a new era for children’s services. Do you know what you need to know about:

- Implementing the Children Bill
- Linking to the National Service Framework for Children
- Involving children and young people in service development
- Making strategic partnerships work
- Accessing evidence
- Promoting resilience
- Using research to inform practice