

Foster Care Transforming Lives

**A European Conference hosted by:
APFEL and The Fostering Network**

Wednesday 20 November 2019

Agenda

9.00 Registration

9.30 Chairs welcome and overview of the day
Sara Lurie and Amy Davidson, The Fostering Network

9.40 Opening address

9.55 The fostering landscape in the UK
Kate Lawson, The Fostering Network

10.15 Achieving placement stability
Matching - Donna Neil, Ofsted
Supporting foster carers in parenting - Johan Vanderfaillie, Vrij Universiteit
Brussels

Panel discussion

Growing up in foster care: continuity and identity - Daniella Reimer,
Zurich University of Applied Science

Matching children with foster carers - Kirti Zijlmans

My Backpack - Bep Van Sloten, International Alternative Care Consultant

Matching - Donna Neil, Ofsted

Supporting foster carers in parenting - Johan Vanderfaillie, Vrij Universiteit
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11.15 Break

11.30 Models of care

**The Mockingbird Family Model of foster care and evaluating The
Fostering Network's Mockingbird programme** - Ellie Ott, Rees Centre,
University of Oxford and Lilian Stevens, The Fostering Network

Family for a family - Giorgia Salvadori, Roberto Maurizio and Fabrizio Serra,
Paideia Foundation

- 12.10 Foster carers and birth families**
How does foster care support relationships with foster carers and birth families? - Marieke Klein Entink and Yvonne Aartsen, Entrea Lindenhout
Differences and similarities of parental roles between foster carers and birth families – Nathalie Chapon, Aix-Marseille University
- 12.50 Panel discussion**
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- 13.10 Lunch**
- 14.10 Supporting children and young people leaving care**
Lifelong links – a new approach for children in care in England and Scotland - Dr Mariela Neagu, Rees Centre, University of Oxford
Care experienced young peoples’ understanding of the importance of family reconciliation as they become independent - Dr Caroline Cresswell, University of York
- Panel discussion**
Walking Family – support in reunification - Nuria Fuentes Pelaez, University of Barcelona
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- 15.10 Break**
- 15.25 Workshops (choice of three)**
1. Working creatively with care experienced children and young people to influence educational policy and practice and transform lives - University of Cardiff
 2. Accept, adapt, achieve, promoting the inclusion of LGBT+ young people in care - Three Circles Fostering
 3. Walking Tall - The Fostering Network
- 16.20 Summary and closing remarks**
Sara Lurie and Amy Davidson, The Fostering Network
- 16.30 Close**