

FAMILY JUSTICE YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD UPDATE

Cafcass Board Meeting

26th January 2022

FJYPB



Voice of the Child 2021

We recently held our 2nd year of virtual Voice of the Child webinars on communication for professionals across the Family Justice System! In total we were joined by over 200 professionals for our webinars.

FJYPB members said: *"We would like to thank everyone for joining our 9th voice of the child conference. We were able to bring to life our key messages on communication and hope that attendees will take our key messages away with you and share them with your teams and keep up*

to date with all our work on our webpage on the Cafcass website."

Please see the summary report of all 3 webinars (annex 1) attached. We will also be releasing a learning resource, which will outline the key messages from the webinars.

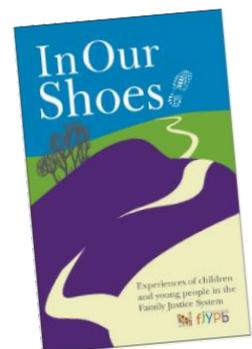
Recruitment

The FJYPB have once again opened for recruitment for new members! The closing date for recruitment will be 31st March 2022. For further information on recruitment, please see our webpage on the Cafcass website or contact us on fjypb@cafcass.gov.uk.

FJYPB Book

Our book launch is coming up soon and we are very much looking forward to sharing this with you all! The book will be shared and will be made available to all our stakeholders following our launch event on 27th January 2021 where we will share some of our experiences included in the book and will be joined by some special guests. We will be sending a copy to every Cafcass office.

To join the live event on 27th January 5:00 – 5:30pm, please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fjypb-present-in-our-shoes-book-launch-2022-registration-228816575537>



FJYPB and Cafcass England

Cafcass 20th Anniversary



We were very excited to join the live event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Cafcass. FJYPB members Andrew and Laura attended the event in person in London alongside Cafcass' other key partners. We spoke about our work over the last 10 years with Cafcass as well as the launch of our upcoming book. Andrew also had the opportunity to interview Jacky Tiotto as part of the event.

Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month in October, FJYPB members Plam and Advone recorded two videos to share their key messages with professionals. The brilliant videos were shared across Cafcass and sparked conversation in different teams.



Katrina, the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead in Cafcass said, *"Thank you Advone and Plam for the great videos. Your messages really encouraged people to reflect and hopefully to continue the conversation with colleagues and partner agencies"*.

Word Busting Team



The FJYPB / Cafcass Word Busting Team have been working hard to bust 2 words each month to encourage professionals to make sure that the language they are using is clear, understandable, and respectful. The Cafcass communications team have removed all the busted words from the Cafcass website and intranet and all Cafcass staff now have an icon on their desktop to link them to a list of all the busted words and their explanations.

FJYPB and the wider sector

- **President's Conference** – FJYPB members Lisa, Katie and Andrew travelled to the Conference in Northamptonshire and spoke in front of judges and professionals from across England and Wales. They gave a brilliant presentation, sharing our work over the past 10 years and their 'In my Shoes'. We also shared the Mind Your Language resource and top tips for judges meeting with children and young people
- **FDAC** – We held a workshop recently to create a guide for children and young people about the Family Drug and Alcohol Courts. We are working with representatives from FDAC to create this guide as well as organising an inspection of the FDAC court in Birmingham with young people from the CiCC in Birmingham and Solihull.
- **Family Justice Council – Annual Debate** – On Wednesday 8th December, FJYPB members attended the Family Justice Council debate in supporting the motion 'Should the age of majority be reduced to 16?' The event was chaired by Sir Andrew McFarlane and several other panel speakers to give the perspective of all key professions working in the family justice system.

Annex

1. Voice of the Child 2021 Summary Report