



**FAMILY JUSTICE YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD UPDATE
CAFCASS BOARD MEETING
15 June 2017**

1. Voice of the Child Conference 2017

This year's conference will be held on 27th July 2017 at the Grand Connaught Rooms in London. This year's theme is Diversity and Inclusion. The day will be led by members of the Board and will include:

- In My Shoes stories from FJYPB members.
- Closing Address from Sir James Munby, President of the Family Division.
- Address from Cafcass (Claire Tyler, Chair & Anthony Douglas, Chief Executive).
- Address from the Children's Commissioner, Anne Longfield OBE.
- Workshops run by children and young people addressing areas such as LGBT, disability, and much more. There will also be a drama workshop aimed at children and young people run by Vhairie Johnston, a community drama student from the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts.
- Panel Challenge (this year will include a young person's panel). Panellists include Anthony Douglas, Judge Sunita Mason and Elizabeth Gibby (MoJ).

We expect 200 delegates to attend from across the family justice service including children and young people.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Claire Evans.

2. Top Tips for professionals working with children and young people

The FJYPB have developed a range of 'Top Tips' aimed at professionals working with children and young people. Videos are being produced to distribute alongside the 'Top Tips' which will also feature in the updated Cafcass Operating Framework and the FJYPB page on the Cafcass website. The following Top Tips have been developed:

- Matthew has developed and filmed his top tips for working with children and young people with Autism.
- Aleesha has developed her top tips for working with children and young people with disabilities.
- Sasha has helped develop the 'FJYPB Top Tips for working with children and young people.

The Board also hopes to develop further top tips, examples include:

- Working with The Children's Society to produce a set of top tips for professionals working with migrant and refugee children and young people.
- Top Tips focussing on best practice when working with brother and sisters

3. NACCC

Due to the success of the previous inspections, NACCC are seeking funding to further commission the FJYPB to undertake inspections in an additional 10-15 supported contact centres in the North West. This will be a 12 month programme of work and will be concluded with a FJYPB led training workshop for the centres volunteers and staff to highlight the key findings. Additionally NACCC would like the support of the FJYPB to re-develop their literature and resources for children and young people.

4. FJYPB Branding

The FJYPB are developing their two FJYPB mascots with MoJ's Design102 team. Board members will meet with the team to ensure that the characters are fun, lively and reflect the personality of the FJYPB. We hope to have the mascots ready to launch at this year's Voice of the Child conference.

Once completed, the Board hopes to use the mascots on presentations, materials and on our webpage on the Cafcass website, which is currently being updated and refreshed.

5. Court Reviews

Following the success of the court reviews in 2015, the Board have been asked by HMCTS to review more family courts across DFJ areas in England. We will start the second phase of 9 reviews in August 2017. Some of the courts we will visit include London, Kent, Nottingham, Gloucester, Plymouth, Stoke on Trent and many more. After each visit, the FJYPB members will produce a report of findings and recommendations which will be shared with the DFJ and court staff. A follow up meeting with the judge is optional.

6. Judicial Training

Following the success of the previous FJYPB involvement in the judicial video 'The Child and Young Person's Journey Through the Court', the Judicial College has approached the FJYPB again to support them with a suite of e-learning materials for magistrates and legal advisers which are about the courts responses to domestic abuse. Members will produce a short film speaking about their experiences of domestic abuse and what they would have wanted magistrates in the family or criminal courts court to understand about its impact.

7. Nagalro

HHJ Finnerty recommended the FJYPB to present at the October 2017 conference for Nagalro which is on the theme 'But What About the Children? Hearing the Voice of Children and Young People in Court Proceedings'.

8. 360° Talking Head Video's

Cornerstone, an adopter-led social enterprise, have approached the FJYPB to produce 2 videos. The first is for foster carer recruitment and members will share their experiences and discuss what helped them in the initial stages. The second will be for future adopters and members again will share their experiences.

The FJYPB are also hoping to work with Cornerstone to produce a FJYPB video that promotes our work and achievements.

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