

# 'KEEPING CHILDREN CONNECTED'

PROGRESS AND PARENTAL IMPRISONMENT: A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE  
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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



### EVENT CHAIR, LUCY GAMPELL OBE

Lucy Gampell is the President of Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE) and a UK expert on the needs of children and families of prisoners. From 1993-2008 she was the Director of the NGO Action for Prisoners' Families, working closely with HM Prison Service and the Ministry of Justice to influence policy and improve services for prisoners' families.

Lucy Gampell is an Independent Member of the Parole Board for England and Wales. In 2010 she received the Honour of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) from Her Majesty the Queen.



### EVENT HOST, DIANE CURRY OBE

Diane Curry OBE has vast experience in working within the Voluntary Sector of the Criminal Justice System and is also a qualified social worker. Diane has been at the forefront of promoting the needs of offenders' families and encouraging an innovative response to the provision of services for them that are reflective of their needs.

Diane is a pioneer with regards to her work with offenders' families and Black and Minority Ethnic Offenders. In 2002 Diane developed and implemented the Black Prisoners Support Project (BPSP) group work programs and had a pivotal role in setting up the charity National Body of Black Prisoner Support Group now the Coalition for Racial Justice (CRJUK). In 2006 Diane received an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. Diane sits on the following committees: Reducing Reoffending Third Sector Advisory Group (RR3), Greater Manchester Police and Crime Steering Group (PCC), The Farmer Review, The Young Review and is Chair of the BME Roundtable Manchester.



### LORD MICHAEL FARMER

Lord Farmer has been a Conservative Peer since October 2014. In his work in the House of Lords he has focused on social justice issues including welfare reform, family stability and domestic abuse. He was also a member of the 2015-16 Lords Select Committee on Social Mobility. He recently published the final report from the Farmer Review on the importance of prisoners' family ties for preventing reoffending and intergenerational crime, commissioned by the Ministry of Justice.

He is involved in the Academy Schools programme, being the founder sponsor for ARK All Saints Camberwell. He is also a trustee of various Christian trusts and was, up until 2014, a trustee of the Kingham Hill Trust and on the Oak Hill College Council. Lord Farmer has over 50 years of base metals trading experience and has led two of the biggest copper and base metal trading companies of the last 30 years.

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## **BARONESS BEVERLEY HUGHES**

Baroness Beverley Hughes was MP for Stretford and Urmston between 1997 and 2010 and served as a Government Minister in several departments, including as Minister of State for Children and Young People and Families and Minister for the North West. She is now Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester with responsibility for Policing, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire.



## **ANNE FOX**

Anne Fox is Clinks' Chief Executive Officer and joined in October 2015. Her role is to provide inspirational leadership to the organisation and be an influential advocate on behalf of the voluntary sector working with offenders and their families. Previously the Director of The Communication Trust - a consortium of over 50 not-for-profit organisations working to support children and young people's speech, language and communication in England - she has worked in the voluntary and community sector in the UK and Republic of Ireland in campaigning, policy, public affairs and communications roles for 16 years.

With an educational background in social policy and postgraduate training in public relations she has led campaigning, communications and policy in national parenting and one-parent family organisations and managed high profile campaigns at Mencap - the UK's leading learning disability charity.



## **BEN RAIKES**

Ben Raikes has worked as a Senior Lecturer within the Department of Social Work at the University of Huddersfield since 2010. His research is focussed on the impact of imprisonment upon families. He was a researcher on the large scale European Commission funded Children of Prisoners Interventions and Mitigations to Strengthen Mental Health (COPING) Project from 2010 to 2012. He has also evaluated a facility that allows children to stay overnight with their mothers at Askham Grange open prison in the north of England. His research has also focussed on the role that grandparents play in caring for children with parents in prison. In 2015, with others, he was instrumental in founding the International Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents (INCCIP) which aims to link organisations championing the rights of children with imprisoned parents worldwide. He qualified as a Social Worker in 1992 and has previously worked as a Probation Officer, Family Court Welfare Officer, and Family Mediation Service Manager.

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## CORIN MORGAN-ARMSTRONG

Based at HMP Parc for 20 years, Corin has led the development of a model of working that has at its heart the engagement of offenders with their children and families, for the purposes of rehabilitation, derailing intergenerational crime and re-building community inclusion. Corin established the Family Interventions Unit in 2010 and an Interventions-led visit model, and has worked with other prisons in the UK and internationally to achieve replication of the model.

Corin subsequently established the Invisible Walls Wales project which won the 'Family' category at the Centre for Social Justice Awards. In June 2016 the HM Inspection published report on HMP Parc stated that the family model was *'innovative and radical, and probably the best they had seen in any prison.'*

Corin has recently established a strategy to engage and work with ex-service men and first-time in custody prisoners, opening a specific residential unit 'Endeavour' at HMP Parc in January 2015.



## SHONA MINSON

Shona's first career was as a Barrister (court advocate) doing family and criminal law. She moved from practice into academic research at the Centre for Criminology, University of Oxford in 2012. Her work analyses the observance of children's rights in sentencing decisions concerning their primary carers and has brought attention to the lack of concern for children whose primary carers are before the court for sentencing in England and Wales. She produced films and briefing papers about the impact of custodial sentences on dependent children which launched in January 2018 and are now embedded in the judiciary, magistracy, advocates, probation and women's prisons. Her work has led to changes in sentencing process is being used by members of parliament as the basis to call for comprehensive change in the way that children separated from their parents by imprisonment are supported.



## SARAH BERESFORD

Sarah's awareness of the needs of children affected by imprisonment developed as a result of her background in secondary school education. In 2012 Sarah undertook a Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowship looking at the role of schools in supporting families affected by imprisonment. Sarah subsequently joined Families Outside, where she her work focused on supporting young people with a family member in prison, including in-prison training for teachers. Sarah currently undertakes consultancy work, most recently within Prison Reform Trust's Transforming Lives programme. Sarah is committed to ensuring young people are included in the development of appropriate support and is involved in a peer support group for children affected by imprisonment in Merseyside. In addition, she is a Trustee of both POPS and Adelaide House.



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## MARK HANSON

Mark joined HMP Lowdham Grange as Contract Director in November 2016. Mark has spent the last 25 years working in the Public Sector, beginning his career in Prisons after a four year stint in the Royal Air Force. He is passionate about the work that happens in prisons and strives to look for innovative ways of achieving better outcomes in public service.

Working with the Lowdham Grange team, Mark is committed to progressing their ambitious improvement plans including better customer outcomes, improved staff engagement and integration of their core values 'Trust, Pride, Care and Innovation' in their everyday working practices.

Outside of work Mark enjoys spending time with his family and supporting Middlesbrough FC.



## STUART HALL

Stuart Hall started his career as a production assistant (tea maker and bringer of sandwiches) in local television. Building his journalism and video production skills from the ground up he found he had an interest, not in the technology of making television, but in the people behind the stories. Over the next 6 years Stuart provided media coverage for Channel 4, Propeller TV on Sky and the BBC Big screen network, as well as becoming the Managing Director of Channel Seven television.

In 2012, looking for a change in direction, Stuart responded to an advert that posed the question "Do you want to run the UK's first prison TV station?" Stuart is now Manager of Inside Media, a multi award winning media centre, based at HMP Lowdham Grange in Nottinghamshire. Prison TV was just the beginning since taking on the role Stuart has changed the way prisoners communicate, with their peers, prison staff but most importantly with their families.



## DR LORNA BROOKES

Lorna is a senior lecturer at Liverpool John Moores University, lecturing in Education and Early Childhood Studies. Lorna's specialism centres on providing support for children with a parent in prison and runs regular therapeutic support groups for prisoner's children which featured in the BBC 1 documentary "Prison, My Parents and Me" (2016). Lorna passionately believes that children are more than able to generate sensible and viable solutions to their own problems. In 2017 Lorna pitched for a self-help app called MyTime at a Health Hackathon event which won The People's Choice Award and 'Project Most Likely to Succeed'. Then Lorna went on to win the Liverpool John Moores University Spotlight Research Award to build the prototype, which is currently being co-created with a team of prisoners children.

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## **ANN ADALIST ESTRIN**

Ann Adalist-Estrin is Director of the National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated at Rutgers University, New Jersey where she also teaches in the department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice.

Under Ann's leadership, NRCCFI has provided training and consultation to government and non-government agencies worldwide. Her consultations and publications include the Sesame Street's "Little Children, Big Challenges" Incarceration materials and the Children of Incarcerated Parents Library on line at [www.nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu](http://www.nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu). Her most recent publication, "12 Guiding Principles for Responding to the Needs of Children and Families of the Incarcerated" was published in the UK by Cambridge Scholars Press 2018.

In 2013 she was honored by the Obama White House as a "Champion of Change" for her advocacy work for children and families of the incarcerated.



## **DR JIM DOBSON**

Dr Jim Dobson is a Senior Lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan University. Prior to this, Jim worked as a Policy and Research Officer and as a Project Manager for a Local Authority Children's Services Department. This role involved working closely with Criminal Justice agencies, Social Care and the Voluntary Sector. Jim's PhD looked at the impact of a family members incarceration on young children.

Jim is particularly interested in how vulnerable families are supported by the statutory, voluntary and private sectors. He is currently involved in writing a book which looks at how such families are identified, supported and empowered across organisations. Jim has worked with Home-Start as a volunteer and values the important work they do in helping children and families overcome the difficulties they face through a range of initiatives.



## **EDOARDO FLEISCHNER**

Edoardo Fleischner is the co-founder of Bambinisenzasbarre and a member of COPE's board of directors.

His many years of experience as a journalist, editor and author, and his background in psychology, contribute significant expertise to his current role as a Lecturer at Università degli Studi of Milan ("Cross-media communication") and Politecnico della Cultura ("Cross-media language").

Edoardo also has extensive experience as a digital media/cross-media consultant and communications manager for for-profit and non-profit organisations, broadcasters, publishers and for the Italian government. In addition to his role as a lecturer, Edoardo has run, since 1999, a weekly national radio programme about digital media, social media and cross-media and their social significances.