



FMC Newsletter

January 2018

The FMC board members are keen to hear the views of mediators about current issues in family mediation, such as the drafting of documentation at the end of mediation, and ways in which the Standards Framework can be improved. You are therefore invited to join the board on the following dates:

8th February, from 4.30pm – 6.00pm, in Birmingham

19th April, from 4.30pm – 6.00pm, in Manchester

A London date will be confirmed for later in the year.

All events are at the offices of Mills and Reeve, which the FMC would like to thank for its kind hospitality.

As well as offering the opportunity to speak to board members, this informal reception is an opportunity to meet other local mediators.

As numbers are limited, please e-mail executive@familymediationcouncil.org.uk if you are interested in attending. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Recent FMC Developments

Re-registration for 2018

The annual re-registration process is underway: re-registration e-mails were sent on 8th January. If you are already registered with the FMC and have not received an e-mail inviting you to re-register for 2018, please check the e-mail account you used to register with the FMC, including your junk mail folder. If you still have not received an e-mail, please contact us at register@familymediationcouncil.org.uk.

A number of enquiries have been made asking for details of how to pay by BACS. The FMC's bank account details are:

Account name: Family Mediation Council
Account number: 21649388 Sort Code: 40-24-13

Please remember to include your URN as a reference.

The FMC office is receiving a number of re-registration payments via BACS with no reference to mediators' URNs - this makes it difficult to match your payment to your application to re-register.

Renewal of accreditation

The FMC's rolling programme of re-accreditation has started. Mediators who transferred in to FMCA on 1.1.15 and have a surname beginning A-D should have submitted their first application for re-accreditation; if this applies to you and you have not submitted your application, please e-mail fmsb@familymediationcouncil.org.uk so we can advise you of the next steps to be taken.

Other mediators who transferred in to FMCA on 1.1.15 should submit their applications for re-accreditation in accordance with the timetable as follows:

Mediators with surnames beginning	Apply for re-accreditation between
E – L	March – May 2018
M – R	June – August 2018
S – Z	September – November 2018

Mediators who became accredited in or after 2015 are required apply for re-accreditation every three years from their accreditation date.

Priorities for 2018 & 19 and review of the Standards Framework

The board of the FMC and the members of the FMSB recently met to discuss plans for 2018 and 2019. This enabled the FMC to finalise its priorities. The FMC and FMSB are now working together to agree how to implement these plans, and in particular how to conduct the review of the Standards Framework to ensure views of mediators are considered.

Child Inclusive Mediation

The FMSB is finalising its plan to implement the recommendations of the FMC working group on Child Inclusive Mediation. It will shortly be issuing guidance to mediators about the steps that they will need to take over the coming years, to make sure they comply with the new standards.

Family Mediation Week

This week (commencing 22nd January) is Family Mediation Week. This aims to raise awareness of mediation and its benefits for separating families. Organised by the FMA, its [website](#) includes a number of short pieces from across the family mediation community which explain the benefits of family mediation which may be of interest to separating couples. There is still time to get involved – find out more [here](#).

FMC Survey

The [headline](#) from the FMC's survey in autumn 2017 showed that family mediation works, but low levels of awareness mean families are missing out. In addition, the survey provided the FMC with lots of additional information which the FMC and FMSB will use to help inform their work throughout 2018. The first analysis of the survey can be seen [here](#).

Developments from elsewhere

Changes to MIAMs exemptions

MIAMs exemptions have changed and corresponding amendments to court Forms A, A1, B, C100 and FM1 have been made. The driver for these changes was concern that the exemptions for domestic violence were unduly restrictive. Full details can be found on the [FMC website](#).

Upcoming events & training

The FMC aims to bring you information about training, courses and workshops related to family mediation, to aid professional development. Courses are also listed on our [website](#), where you will find more details about submitting events to be included.

- 1 February (and later dates) NFM: [Foundation Training](#), London/distance learning
- 6 – 8 February, Resolution Training: [Using an advanced hybrid practice model](#), London
- 7 February, NFM: [‘Brain Sex’; a ground-breaking course for family mediators](#), London
- 8 February, Family Matters Mediate: [Strategies for Dealing With High Conflict Cases](#), Doncaster

- 14 -16 February, LADR: Family Mediation Refresher Course, Birmingham. For more information please contact lesley.allport@ladr.net
- 20 February, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), Birmingham
- 27 February, College of Mediators: North West Mediation Network Meeting, Manchester. For more information please contact admin@collegeofmediators.co.uk
- 28 February – 2 March (and later dates) FMA: [Foundation Training](#), London
- 1 – 2 March, NFM: [Child Inclusive Mediation Training](#), London
- 5 – 7 March, FMA: [Family Mediation Refresher Training](#), London
- 7 March, College of Mediators: South East Mediation Network Meeting, London. For more information, please e-mail: magrob521@msn.com
- 14 March 2018, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London
- 14 March 2018, LADR: Child Inclusive Mediation CPD Day, Birmingham. For more information, please e-mail lesley.allport@ladr.net
- 16 March, FMA: [Parental Alienation: Recognition and Appropriate Responses in Mediation](#), London
- 20 March, NFM: [Negotiation, persuasion and high stakes decision-making - A workshop for mediators and other professionals](#), London
- 21 – 23 March (and later dates) FMA: [Foundation Training](#), Leeds
- 22 March NFM: [Negotiation, persuasion and high stakes decision-making - A workshop for mediators and other professionals](#), Birmingham
- 1 April (and later dates) NFM: [Foundation Training](#), London/distance learning
- 11 April, College of Mediators: North East Mediation Network Meeting. (Location tbc) For more information, please e-mail: admin@collegeofmediators.co.uk
- 16 April (and later dates), Resolution Training: [Mediation Foundation Training](#), London

- 19 April, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London
- 19-20 April, FMA: [Child Inclusive Mediation](#) (Formerly known as Direct Consultation with Children), London
- 20 April, FMA: [PPC Update of Theory and Practice](#), London
- 25 April, FMA: [How to Talk with Children in High Conflict Divorce and Separation Cases](#), London
- 26 – 28 April, NFM: [Refresher Training for Family Mediators](#), London
- 30 April – 2 May, Resolution: Family Mediation Refresher Training, London. For more information please e-mail: louisa.grisdale@resolution.org.uk
- 9 May, FMA: [From Conflict to Conversation](#), Leeds
- 16 May, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London
- 31 May – 1 June, FMA: [Non-Violent Communication \(NVC\) for Family Mediators](#), London
- 5 June, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), Birmingham
- 5 -6 June and 4 September: LADR, Professional Practice Consultancy Training, Birmingham. For more information please contact lesley.allport@ladr.net
- 7 June, FMA: [Solution Focused Mediation](#), Leeds
- 21 – 22 June, NFM: [Child Inclusive Mediation Training](#), London
- 7 July, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London

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