

FMC Newsletter

March 2019



Recent FMC Developments

Standards Review

Thank you to everybody who completed the FMC's Accreditation Survey. We have had an outstanding response, with over 300 mediators completing the survey. A summary of the survey responses will be published on the FMC website in due course. The FMSB Standards Review Accreditation Working Group meets next week to consider the responses to the survey and agree the next steps.

2019 Registration

Mediators who have not yet re-registered for 2019 are asked to return their registration forms without delay. Forms can be found on the FMC's website [here](#). If you have not received or cannot find the e-mail inviting you to register for 2019, please contact register@familymediationcouncil.org.uk as soon as possible so that we can confirm that the private contact details we hold for you on the register are correct.

FMC Website

The FMC website is changing. Some of the site's content will be re-written so it is easier for potential mediation participants to understand. The structure of the site will also be changed so that the main menu will contain information that is primarily of interest to potential mediation participants (about mediation, find a mediator, and about those aspects of the FMC that are relevant to mediation participants, such as the Code of Practice and complaints processes). Information which is relevant to mediators including all forms that relate to registration and accreditation will be accessed via a new 'Information for Mediators' button in the top right hand corner of the FMC home page.

FMSB and Assessor Vacancies

The FMC will shortly be recruiting for a new mediator member of the FMSB, and the FMSB will be recruiting new assessors to assess portfolios submitted for accreditation. Information about these roles will be published on the FMC website in early April.

Jane Knight

It is with great sadness that Family Matters announces the death of Jane Knight FMCA and Child Consultant.

Jane was taken seriously ill on 4 March 2019 and died the following day at Huddersfield Hospital.

Jane had experienced a number of setbacks since the death of her husband Jon in February 2018, she negotiated these with her own brand of dogged determination and bravery travelling to conduct mediations in places as far afield as Hebden Bridge, Doncaster, York and Leicester. Jane was a committed mediator and was passionate about the value of mediation for any dispute. She had trained to talk to children within mediation, another area of work she hoped to develop in the future.

Jane's loyalty and generosity of spirit were immeasurable and her ability to connect with people and communicate her enthusiasm for her work is reflected in the messages of sympathy from across the country Family Matters has received.

The family have asked that donations be made to Overgate Hospice Elland. Jane sang in their choir and they supported the family when Jon was unwell.

Jane was a great friend, communicator and the final quote has to come from Jane in her own words she was a "bloody good mediator". We will all miss her.

Developments from Elsewhere

MoJ Digital C100 Project

The MoJ is testing a digital C100 in some court areas. It has invited feedback from any mediators who work in these areas and who have had feedback about the system from mediation participants. Please send all feedback to Helen Anthony by e-mail to executive@familymediationcouncil.org.uk so this can be forwarded to the MoJ.

[LASPO Review](#)

The MoJ has published a report as a result of the Post-Implementation Review of LASPO. The report can be read [here](#) – and a short briefing about the report, written by FMC co-opted director Allan Blake, can be read [here](#).

Opportunities for Mediators

[Structured Placement Scheme](#)

South East London Family Mediation Bureau is offering a Structured Placement Scheme for mediators working towards accreditation. For more information see [here](#).

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.

- 2 April, Resolution: [Child Inclusive Mediation \(CIM\) Awareness and Understanding Day](#), London
- 3 – 5 April, FMA: [Child Inclusive Mediation](#), London
- 9 April, NFM: [Child Inclusive Mediation \(CIM\) Awareness and Understanding Day](#), Birmingham
- 10 April, LADR: CIM Awareness and Understanding Day, Birmingham. For more information, please contact allport@ladr.net
- 10 April, Adrienne Cox (Devon and Exeter Mediation Training): [Effective Screening for Domestic Abuse in Mediation](#), Exeter
- 11 April, LADR: CIM Update Day, Manchester. For more information, please contact allport@ladr.net
- 16 – 17 April & later date, LADR: CIM Training, Birmingham. For more information, please contact allport@ladr.net
- 1 May, Resolution: [Child Inclusive Mediation \(CIM\) Awareness and Understanding Day](#), London

- 1 May (and later dates), LBA Excellence: [Family Mediation Foundation Training Course](#)
- 2 May, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London
- 2 May, Resolution: [Secrets and Lies](#), London
- 8 May, FMA: [Dealing with Conflict](#), London
- 8 – 10 May (and later dates), Ataraxy Mediation Training: [Family Mediation Foundation Training Course](#), London
- 9 May, NFM: [Child Inclusive Mediation \(CIM\) Awareness and Understanding Day](#), London
- 9 – 10 May, Resolution: PPC Foundation Training, London. For more information, please contact sullivan@resolution.org.uk
- 13 – 15 May, NFM: [Refresher Training for Family Mediators](#), London
- 14 May, Adrienne Cox (Devon and Exeter Mediation Training): [Effective Screening for Domestic Abuse in Mediation](#), London
- 29 May, College of Mediators: North West Mediation Network Event, Manchester. For more information, please contact info@solutiontalk.co.uk
- 1 June (and later dates), NFM: [Family Mediation Foundation Training](#), London
- 5 June, FMA: [Learning from your own doubt, stuckness and frustration as a mediator](#), London
- 5 – 6 June and 18 September, LADR: Professional Practice Consultancy Training, Birmingham. For more information, please contact allport@ladr.net
- 6 June, Adrienne Cox (Devon and Exeter Mediation Training): [Effective Screening for Domestic Abuse in Mediation](#), Bristol
- 11 June, NFM: [Child Inclusive Mediation \(CIM\) Update Day](#), Birmingham
- 12 – 14 June, NFM: [Child Inclusive Mediation \(CIM\) Training](#), London
- 18 June, FMA: [Motivational Interviewing](#), Leeds

- 19 June, FMA: [How to Talk with Children in High Conflict Divorce and Separation Cases](#), London
- 21-22 June, [College of Mediators: Annual Conference](#), London
- 4 July, FMA: [Parental Alienation: Recognition and Appropriate Responses in Mediation](#), Leeds
- 5 July, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London
- 11 July, FMA: [Parental Alienation Advanced Day](#), London
- 7 September, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London
- 9 September (and later dates), FMA: [Family Mediation Foundation Training](#), Leeds
- 9 September (and later dates), Resolution: [Family Mediation Foundation Training](#), London
- 9 September, FMA: [Child Inclusive Mediation \(CIM\) Awareness and Understanding Day](#), Leeds
- 10 – 12 September, FMA: [Child Inclusive Mediation \(CIM\)](#), Leeds
- 13 September, FMA: [CIM Update Day](#), Leeds
- 16 September, FMA: [PPC Update of Theory and Practice](#), Leeds
- 17 September, Resolution: [CIM Awareness and Understanding Day](#), London
- 17 September, LADR: CIM Awareness and Understanding Day, Birmingham. For more information, please contact allport@ladr.net
- 18 September, LADR: CIM Update Day, Birmingham. For more information, please contact allport@ladr.net
- 18 – 20 September, Resolution: [Refresher Training](#), London
- 18 – 20 September (and later dates), Ataraxy Mediation Training: [Family Mediation Foundation Training Course](#), London
- 25 September, College of Mediators: South East Mediation Network Event, London. For more information, please contact: magrob521@msn.com

- 26 September, NFM: [2019 Legal Update for Mediators](#), London
- 1 October (and later dates), NFM: [Family Mediation Foundation Training](#), London
- 1 – 3 October, LADR: Introduction to Mediation, Birmingham. For more information, please contact allport@ladr.net
- 4 October, FMA: [Systemic Theory and Practice in Separation and Divorce Dilemmas](#), London
- 9 October, NFM: [2019 Legal Update for Mediators](#), Birmingham
- 16 October, College of Mediators: North West Mediation Network Event, Manchester. For more information, please contact: info@solutiontalk.co.uk
- 17 – 18 October, Resolution: Dispute Resolution Conference. For more information, please contact sullivan@resolution.org.uk
- 19 – 20 October and 15 January, LADR. Child Inclusive Mediation Training, Birmingham. For more information, please contact allport@ladr.net
- 23 October, LADR: CIM Awareness and Understanding Day, York. For more information, please contact allport@ladr.net
- 24 October, LADR: CIM Update Day, York. For more information, please contact allport@ladr.net
- 24 October, NFM: [Workshop – Acceptance, Truth & Lies](#), London
- 6 – 8 November, NFM: [Refresher Training for Family Mediators](#), London
- 7 November, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London
- 14 – 15 November, FMA: [PPC Foundation Training](#), London
- 18 November, FMA: [PPC Update of Theory and Practice](#), London
- 21 November, FMA: [Parental Alienation Advanced Day](#), Leeds
- 26 November, FMA: [Motivational Interviewing](#), London
- 2 December, FMA: [PPC Update of Theory and Practice](#), Manchester

- Ongoing, NFM Training: [Professional Practice Consultancy Training](#), Distance learning
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