



Shaping the next 10 years  
**10th Anniversary  
Conference**

## **Event Programme**

Friday 26 September 2025  
The Minster Building, 21 Mincing Lane,  
London EC3R 7AG

We are pleased to release the first edition of our conference programme, providing details of sessions and the timetable for the day. We have further speakers to announce in due course, so do look out for programme updates!

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Morning Programme

## **Welcome & setting the scene**

Stephen Burke, FMC Chair



## **The State of Family Mediation**

Panel session with Rachael Blakey, James Pirrie and Simon Bruce, chaired by Beverley Sayers



## **Being your best**

Breakout sessions focussed on the client experience, led by experts including Renee Luthra



## **Being your best Q&A: equality law and the needs of participants**

Featuring Audrey Ludwig MBE, chaired by Jo O'Sullivan



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Afternoon Programme

## Keynote speaker

Minister Sarah Sackman KC MP shares the government's view of family mediation



## Regulation and resources

Panel session focused on the importance of resources in supporting mediators' assessment for domestic abuse with Robert Creighton, Dr Liza Thompson and Adrienne Cox.



## Shaping the future together

Breakout sessions focused on the next 10 years, led by experts including Allan Blake, Caroline Bowden and Lesley Allport



## Challenges & opportunities in the next 10 years

Panel session with Dr Samia Bano, Sophie Kershaw and Denice Houslin, chaired by Louisa Whitney



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Timetable

### **Arrival**

Tea, coffee and networking

From 9.30am

### **Opening session**

10.00am – 11.30am

### **Coffee & networking**

11.30am – 11.50am

### **Session 2**

11.50am – 12.30pm

### **Lunch & networking**

Your buffet lunch is included

12.30pm – 1.30pm

### **Session 3**

1.30pm – 2.30pm

### **Tea & networking**

2.35pm – 2.55pm

### **Session 4**

2.55pm – 4.30pm

### **Conference close**

4.30pm

FMC directors,  
FMSB members  
and FMC staff are  
looking forward to  
meeting delegates  
throughout the day.  
Please do come  
and say hello!

Whilst start and finish times are fixed, there may be some changes to session times

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