



Exploring Mixed Race in 2016: People, Parents and Partners

Saturday 01st October 2016, 12:30-4:00pm
Bethnal Green Library, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 0HL

Programme

- 12:30-1:00pm **Registration and refreshments**
- 1:00- 1:15pm **Welcome**
Susann Savidge, Chair
- 1:15-1:45pm **'Stepfamilies and Mixed Ethnicities'**
*Yvonne Ayo, Systemic and Family Therapist, Tavistock Clinic
and Portman NHS Trust*
- 1:45-2:05pm **Discussion**
- 2:05-2:45pm **Annual General Meeting**
Presentation of Annual Reports, Election of Trustees
- 2:45-3:00pm **Break - refreshments**
- 3:00-3:30pm **'Personal Experiences and a Case Study'**
*Annie Oliver, Parent Support Manager, Single Parent Action
Network, Bristol*
- 3:30-3:50pm **Discussion**
- 3:50-4.00pm **Plenary - Closing remarks**
Susann Savidge, chair
- 4:00pm **Seminar Ends**

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Susann Savidge

Susann Savidge was Assistant Director of the Racial Harassment Casework Service at Somerset Racial Equality Council for many years and had been seconded to the SEC Black and Ethnic Minority (BME) Mental Health project which became the BME Health and Well-Being Team.

Susann joined Somerset Racial Equality Council in 1999 initially as a support worker for victims of racial harassment. The service developed very quickly and she became a Race Equality Officer. She developed and managed the SREC Casework service that delivered support to many victims, witnesses and families. The work affected change in policy and procedures of many organisations. Susann also delivered Race Awareness training in schools, colleges, housing and NHS. She is very committed and passionate about Race Equality and developing work to support people and believes that everyone is entitled to live free from harassment and fear.

Susann has been the chairperson of PIH for 4 years following her election to committee at the AGM 2012.

Yvonne Ayo

Yvonne Ayo is a systemic and family psychotherapist. She is the Portfolio Manager for Systemic Training at the Tavistock and Portman NHS foundation trust.

Yvonne is currently carrying out a research on mixed ethnicities in mixed ethnic stepfamilies. Before training as a therapist Yvonne Ayo was the first black woman to be on the curatorial staff of the British Museum with a specialist interest in Africa and the Pacific region.

Annie Oliver

Annie Oliver has worked for Single Parent Action Network since it was founded in 1990. She started as an Information Officer providing advice, information and guidance to single parents from across the UK. A helpline developed from this work that targeted the most deprived areas in England and Wales. For the last decade Annie has managed a Parenting Support Team that supports families on a 1:1 basis and in Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities Parenting Programme.

Annie is passionate about parenting and supporting families to be the best parents they can be. Annie is a single parent to her mixed race son (half Somali) who is 25 and she fosters vulnerable care leavers. Annie has strong views on the racism and discrimination that mixed families face and has had to deal with the appalling negative assumptions that people make about such families.

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