

## **Family Room events 2011**



*The Family Room is established as the focal point for progressive debate and expertise on UK family policy at conference time. Our events provide an opportunity for conference delegates to engage in discussions around the real issues faced by families today, with insight from leading figures in the family sector on what families value. Between the Family Room partners, an alliance of fourteen leading family sector organisations, we provide helplines, face-to-face services, training, information, and research; reaching and supporting millions of families each year.*

### **Liberal Democrat Party Conference**

*Birmingham Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September*

#### **Breakfast Roundtable** (closed event)

**Speakers:** Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families (invited)

**Family Room leads:** Fatherhood Institute

**Venue details:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September



#### **Best support for families in challenging times: Is targeted support the answer?**

*In the current economic climate how can the Government avoid pitfalls to ensure the services they provide are useful to all, used by all and achieve good outcomes?*

**Speakers:** Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families (invited), Baroness Benjamin (Invited), Cllr Michael Mullaney, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (invited), Sarah Stewart-Brown, Chair of Public Health, University of Warwick (invited), Shirley Stephenson Director of Family Links, Pamela Park, CEO, Parenting UK, Kate Williams, Director of Healthcare Professional Services, NCT.

**Chair:** Anastasia de Waal, Director of Family and Education, Civitas.

**Family Room leads:** NCT, Family Lives, Parenting UK.

**Venue details:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. 1-2pm, ICC, Hall 6a

### **Labour Party Conference**

*Liverpool Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September*



#### **Winning back the support of families: What does Labour need to do?**

*Beyond the immediate impact of the cuts, what's the future vision for family policy under Labour? This meeting will explore how Labour can develop a positive story for families to win back their support.*

**Speakers:** Yvette Cooper MP, Shadow Home Secretary and Minister for Women and Equalities (invited), Anne Longfield CEO 4Children, Denise Murphy, CEO, Grandparents Plus, Fiona Weir, CEO, Gingerbread.

**Chair:** Gavin Kelly, Resolution Foundation

**Family Room leads:** 4Children, Gingerbread, Grandparents Plus

**Venue details:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. 12.45-2pm. The Blue Bar, Albert Dock, Liverpool

## **Conservative Party Conference**

Manchester Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October



### **How do we improve family wellbeing in tough times?**

*Join the Family Room panel to discuss how the Government can improve wellbeing when families are under pressure.*

**Speakers:** Iain Duncan Smith MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (Invited), Graham Stuart MP, Chair of Education Select Committee, Deidre Sanders, Agony Aunt, The Sun, Susanna Abse, CEO Tavistock Centre for Couple Relationships, Helen Dent, CEO Family Action, Katherine Rake, CEO Family and Parenting institute.

**Chair:** Andrew Selous MP

**Family Room leads:** FPI, TCCR & Family Action

**Venue details:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. 5.30-7pm. Manchester Central, Exchange 2&3

### **Family Room Reception**

**Speakers:** Rt Hon Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education (Invited)

**Venue details:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. 7.30-9pm. Manchester Central, Central 5

### **Breakfast Roundtable** (closed event)

**Speakers:** Anne Milton MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health

**Family Room leads:** One Plus One

**Venue details:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Who's working locally to deliver the big society agenda? : A roundtable discussion including local councillors and voluntary sector providers**

*Come and join in the discussions about the opportunities and challenges of working more closely together in local communities to deliver support for vulnerable families, in line with the government's localism agenda. The discussions will draw on the expertise of local councillors and voluntary sector providers, and attendees will be able to vote on key questions at the end.*

*The discussion and debate will be lively and will identify the best ways to fund support for families and communities in your area.*

**Speakers:** Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (Invited), Cllr Gary Porter, Leader of the Conservative Group, LGA (invited), Ryan Shorthouse, Social Market Foundation,

**Chair:** Cllr Nickie Aiken, Cabinet Member Children & Young People, Westminster City Council

**Family Room leads:** Home-Start, Family Lives & Relate

**Venue details:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. 5.30-7pm. Midland Hotel, Alexandra A, Manchester.