

SCISS conference 2.2.18: Agenda

Working in partnership to support children from military families

Pavilions of Harrogate (Guide times)

- 0830** **Registration, market place and refreshments**
- 0900** **Welcome, aims and introduction**
Matt Blyton, SCISS Vice-Chair & Education Adviser (NYCC)
- 0915** **Conference opening – Voices of Children project**
Anne Longfield OBE, National Children’s Commissioner for England
- 0930** **Keynote 1 –Supporting the Armed Forces Covenant / Q&A**
Robert Goodwill MP & Minister for Children and Families (DfE)
- 1000** **Working with partner organisations – brief overviews:**
- **Families Federations support for separation and deployment**
Lisa Thipthorp, AF Covenant Manager (East Midlands), RAFFF
 - **Armed Forces Education Trust**
Alan Behagg (Chair) & Charmian Hickman (Trust Manager)
 - **Service Children’s Progression (SCiP) Alliance**
Phillip Dent, Director (University of Winchester)
 - **Little Troopers**
Louise Fetigan, Founder & Operations Manager
- 1045** **Refreshments & market place / sign up for discussion groups**
- 1115** **Discussion groups (choose 1):**
1. **Armed Forces Education Trust (Wharfe main)**
 2. **Service Children’s Progression (SCiP) Alliance (Aire – bar area)**
 3. **Little Troopers (Wharfe alcove)**
 4. **Supporting pupils at times of separation and deployment (Cover)**
 5. **Schools with Service pupils - being Ofsted ready (Aire main)**
Le Cateau Community Primary, Catterick Garrison,
- 1145** **Keynote 2: Getting your story across to Ofsted / Q&A**
Lee Owston, HMI & Specialist Adviser, Early Education

- 1215/1230 Lunch & market place
- 1315 Nepali Dancers, Le Cateau Community Primary, Catterick Garrison
- 1330 **Brief updates:**
- **SCISS**
Member of the National Executive Advisory Committee
 - **Directorate Children & Young People (DCYP)**
Russell Collier, Principal Ed Officer & Ed Harris, Senior Ed Officer
 - **Royal British Legion & Military Kids Club (MKC) Heroes**
Bruce Holborn, RBL Local Campaigns Manager / Matt Blyton
 - **Early Years research – ‘Exploring the wellbeing of Army children experiencing mobility or deployment in the pre-school year’**
Georgina Nomile, Bath Spa University (second year PhD researcher)
- 1400 **Forces families of different cultures – cultural wealth & challenges**
- **A Fijian Family in the UK**
Cpl Josua Vosakiwaiwa, Tidworth Royal Welsh (Wiltshire)
 - **A Gurkha Family in the UK**
Radha Gurung and Laxmi Sharma (Gurkha Support Workers, AWS)
 - **NYCC’s English as an additional language (EAL) Service**
Rebecca Swift, Equalities Adviser, NYCC
- 1445 **Discussion groups (choose 1):**
1. **A Fijian Family in the UK (Aire main)**
 2. **A Gurkha Family in the UK (Wharfe main)**
 3. **Supporting learners with EAL (Wharfe alcove)**
Suzanne Wilson & Neil Southern, specialist teachers
 4. **British Values – Tackling prejudice in Service communities (Cover)**
Rebecca Swift, NYCC & Richard Hall, Army chaplain
 5. **Exploring the educational needs of service children in early years (Aire – bar area)**
- 1515 Table top discussion / Q&A
- 1530 **Closing military remarks**
Lt Col Joe Jordan Commander Catterick Garrison
- 1545 **Evaluations / conference closes**