

Virtual PSHE Subject Leader Conference

Meet the Speakers

Wednesday 25 May 2022 8:45am – 1pm



Raminder Aujla: Team Manager, Education and Early Years Safeguarding Team, Leeds City Council.

Keynote speaker: Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment in Schools – A whole school approach.

Raminder has worked with children and families within both the education and youth justice sector for over 20 years. Raminder is an accredited specialist safeguarding trainer and the lead education safeguarding officer responsible for supporting schools with strategic safeguarding policy, procedures, training and advice in Leeds. Her role involves working closely with head teachers, principals, designated safeguarding leads, Ofsted Inspectors, the DfE and the Education Funding Agency. Raminder is passionate about safeguarding children, she has held the position of Chair, Vice Chair and is currently the safeguarding lead governor of a local primary school. Raminder is a member of CAPE (Child Protection in Education) and on the CAPE conference planning committee, responsible for planning both national and member conferences. Raminder is a member of the National Safer Recruitment Consortium task group, who are responsible for the Safer Recruitment Training and Guidance for Safer working Practice for staff working in educational settings. Raminder is an associate trainer for the AIM Project as their education lead. The AIM Project has been working in the field of children and adolescents with harmful sexual behaviours for over 20 years and is one of the leading UK and international organisations in this area. Internationally Raminder has worked with both the Irish and Australian government in supporting their strategic approaches to peer-on-peer sexual abuse within educational settings. As the lead education associate trainer, Raminder has developed their national training for educational settings and co-published the "Understanding & Managing Harmful Sexual Behaviours in Educational Setting Guidance" book.

Katherine Hogg: Leeds Church Institute.

Workshop: Schools of Sanctuary

Katherine is the Schools of Sanctuary Lead in Leeds working with Leeds Church Institute. She works with schools in Leeds encouraging them to be places of welcome and belonging especially for those from sanctuary seeking backgrounds. Prior to this, Katherine worked for Christian Aid for 13 years. Katherine will be joined by Anna Mason, EAL Lead at Lawnswood School for this workshop.





Carl Morton: Trainer, St Giles Trust

Workshop: County Lines.

Carl works for St Giles Trust, a charity that supports ex-offenders and other vulnerable groups. Carl currently works closely with the Violence Reduction Unit in their delivery on several projects including schools-based intervention in mainstream and Alternative Provisions. Weapons Awareness, County line, Gang Violence, Child Exploitation, Webinars, as well as CCE and CSE. Carl has lived experience and is culturally competent. Carl uses these skills and knowledge to engage and maintain positive relationships with clients and professionals. The young people that Carl supports have a respect and trust for the information, advice, and guidance that he offers.

Carl's day to day role consists of 1:1 mentoring with the most vulnerable young adults both within the community and educational settings. Carl also works with parents of the young adults to provide a holistic support package. Delivering sessions to professionals, parent groups, Social Workers, Police, Teachers and Youth Offending Teams. Working throughout Covid Carl has maintained positive relationships and provided activities, laptops, food parcels, quizzes, and fitness equipment to promote physical and mental wellbeing.

Julia Holden: Prevent Education Officer, Leeds Prevent, Leeds City Council.

Workshop: Conspiracy, extremism, and critical thinking.

Julia is passionate about education and safeguarding and works with education establishments across Leeds supporting them to meet their statutory duty under Prevent. She joined the Prevent team in November 2016 and has delivered training to pupils, teachers and parents as well as providing advice on potential referrals and supporting the Channel panel.

Her work background is diverse including establishing and running a family business and working for an environmental charity. She also worked for many years as a commissioning officer at Leeds City Council managing grants and contracts before leaving the Council to pursue a different direction and qualified as a teacher. Julia has also volunteered as a governor at a local primary school. Being a parent herself, Julia understands the issues that today's children face and the complexity of their lives. Educated to master's degree level in environmental resources she loves the outdoors, walking and travelling when possible.



Kat Denvir: Leeds City Council, LGBT+ Staff Network Chair.

Workshop: LGBT+ inclusion and considerations

Kat (she/her) has been the chair of the Council's LGBT+ staff network since June 2019 but has been engaged in LGBT+ activism and training through her time in the Council. Working her "day job" as a project lead for IT, Kat also works delivering LGBT+ training, developing resources and engaging the organisation in improved experiences for all staff.

Sarah Whitehead: Education Liaison Officer, West Yorkshire Police

Workshop: A new approach to teaching 'Violence Awareness'

Sarah has been the Education Liaison Officer for West Yorkshire Police for 5 years and comes from a teaching background. She works with Safer Schools Officers and PCSO's to build links with schools and also works with schools and wider partners to develop understanding and preventative measures around the risks facing young people.



James Pierce: Trainer, Drugtrain.

Workshop: Cannabis & young people, what you need to know.

James has over 20 years' experience working in substance misuse services and has supported many people using cannabis problematically. He has extensive experience in delivering training to professionals around cannabis awareness. He is currently studying for an MA in drug & alcohol studies and is researching the barriers to the implementation of harm reduction strategies by people using cannabis



Jennifer Griffiths: Exploitation Prevention Officer, The Children's Society.

Pre-recorded workshop: Introduction to our 'Exploitation' learning pack and youth sessions.

Jennifer has been at the Children's Society as the Exploitation Prevention Officer for Yorkshire and Humber for just under 2 years. Before that, she worked in various youth work settings including for the Red Cross as youth engagement lead, a shelter for homeless young people, schools for children and young people with SEND, outdoor education, and international youth projects.



Sally Goodwin Mills: Advanced Health Improvement Specialist, Public Health, Leeds City Council.

Pre-recorded workshop: Introduction to Breastfeeding Teaching Resources

Sally is an Advanced Health Improvement Specialist for Infant Feeding and Maternity in the Children and Families Public Health Team in Leeds City Council. With a background in Public Health Nursing and an International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) Sally is passionate that breastfeeding should be seen as everybody's business and is committed to work that helps to remove the barriers that currently make breastfeeding difficult in the UK.

