



SRF's Nineteenth Annual Conference:

Exploring the Impact of Social Media on the Family

With half the planet spending an average of two hours a day on social media, the internet has become one of the greatest threats to the health of our children and the cohesion of our families. Policy making bodies and global social media corporations are failing to keep pace with the needs of our communities and deal with the pressures social media are placing on the next generation. Digital bullying, on line addiction, child abuse, mental illness and suicide have sadly become the all too easily accepted consequences of the internet. In response, the Prime Minister ordered an official review to examine policy and legislation.

But is legislation enough to deal with an all-pervasive crisis of epidemic proportions? Has the policy debate been inclusive and rigorous? What are the lessons of some of Britain's leading practitioners and cutting edge researchers? How is the commercial sector responding?

This one day conference brings together public policy experts, leading mental health practitioners, academic researchers and the private sector to explore the impact of social media on the family. Two of the UK's leading research institutions on the issue, University College London and the Royal Society of Paediatrics and Child Health, will present the latest findings of major surveys. One of Harley Street's most authoritative therapists will outline what she sees as best practice; there will be a demonstration of leading edge technology being piloted in UK schools and one of Britain's most experienced voices in the policy debate will point the way forward. Whether you are a health professional, a concerned family member, an academic researcher, an interested member of the public or someone whose life has been impacted by social media, this one day conference will give you an understanding of the emerging issues, essential analysis and a grasp of the latest academic findings and technological approaches.

Contributors will include:

Lucy Alexander, whose son committed suicide because of internet bullying

Professor Yvonne Kelly, Director at the ESRC International Centre for Lifecourse Studies in Society and Health, University College London

Max Davie, Officer for Health Promotion at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

Mark Griffiths, Professor of Gambling Studies at Nottingham Trent University

Mandy Saligari, Founder and Clinical Director of CHARTER Harley Street

Pooja Kumari, Senior Policy Officer at the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Jonathan Weinberg of Tomorrow's Student

Annetta Bennett, Independent Safeguarding Adviser, Consultant and Trainer

Jaap Swart, Executive Board Member of the MVI Foundation

When? Friday 23rd November 2018 10.00a.m. – 4.30p.m.

Where? Broadway House, Tothill Street, Westminster, London, SW1H 9NQ Tel: 0207 222 7777

Directions at the following link:

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