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Seminar Series

Positive Approaches to Supporting Families

Sylvia Shatwell (Service Manager, Barnardo's Willow Young Carers) and
Mark Law MBE (Chief Executive, BARCA-Leeds)

This seminar will be chaired by Paul Bollom (Head of Commissioning and
Market Management, Children's Services, Leeds City Council)

Wednesday 30th January 2013, 5.30 – 7.30pm

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Synopses:

Sylvia Shatwell will review the work that supports young carers in Leeds. Young carers, for far too long, have been overlooked both in terms of the contribution they make to the family and how this role impacts upon their own lives. Willow Young Carers are making a significant impact upon both children and adult services in terms of developing new, innovative practice which supports young carers to achieve their personal goals.

Mark Law will lead a debate about how to approach supporting the most disadvantaged families living in the city. He will discuss both deficit and more positive family centred, multi-professional approaches. This should be a thought provoking and timely debate in terms of current coalition policy development.

Biographies:

Sylvia Shatwell

Sylvia Shatwell is halfway through what she hopes will be a long career in Children's Services. After cutting her teeth as a social worker in a Children and Families team, Sylvia has pursued a variety of professional interests. Her experience includes research and development work around homeless families, extensive work supporting asylum-seeking families, and the development of a Family Support service. Her current role as manager of Barnardo's Willow Young Carers' Service has enabled her to develop and implement an innovative model of service delivery that draws on a sound evidence base and endeavours to strengthen links between adult and children's services in the support of a hidden and marginalised group.

Mark Law MBE

Mark Law set up BARCA-Leeds, a voluntary organization, in 1994. Starting out as a small youth group based in a temporary building, the organisation has, under Mark's stewardship, grown into one of the larger third sector organisations in Leeds. During that time BARCA-Leeds has established a broad range of services that directly improve life outcomes for children, adults and their families. He has developed a personal reputation for successfully developing innovative and responsive community services in Leeds. Mark is the current Vice Chair of Young Lives Leeds, and he has been central to many developments of Children and Family services across Leeds including the Youth Offer, Think Family protocols and Drug and Alcohol treatment services.

Paul Bollom

Paul Bollom is currently the Head of Commissioning for Leeds City Council Children's Services, the second largest local authority in the UK. This role involves ensuring the assessment of children and young people's needs and designing a range of services to be secured on their behalf. Prior to this Paul developed a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary team called Children in Vulnerable Accommodation (CHIVA). Hosted in the voluntary sector, the project focused on children where high mobility risked dislocation from conventional services and was recognised locally and nationally as an excellent example of integrated practice. Paul's background is as an applied psychologist working in the NHS and in research settings.

Venue:

Centenary Gallery
Parkinson Building
University of Leeds
Leeds
LS2 9JT

There will be an opportunity to network over refreshments from 5.00pm.

Interested?

This seminar is **FREE** to attend and open to anyone with an interest in this topic—however, in order to help us organise refreshments we would be grateful if you could book a place via the Eventbrite website <http://leedsunuillc.eventbrite.co.uk/> or by contacting Georgina Collins on 0113 343 6892 / g.collins@leeds.ac.uk.