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Seminar Series

Promoting the resilience of young people from care to adulthood: messages from research

Professor Mike Stein (Research Professor, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York) and Steve Walker (Deputy Director of Children's Services, Safeguarding, Specialist and Targeted, Leeds City Council)

This seminar will be chaired by Professor Nick Frost (Professor of Social Work, Leeds Metropolitan University)

Wednesday 06 March 2013, 5.30 – 7.30pm

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Synopsis:

This seminar will focus on children that are looked after. The journey from childhood to adulthood is a big step and for young people leaving care this can be more of a challenge. Mike Stein and Steve Walker will discuss a range of issues that children face on leaving care.

Biographies:

Professor Mike Stein (Research Professor, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York)

Mike Stein is a Research Professor, in the Social Policy Research Unit at York University. Building upon his previous experiences as a probation officer, senior child care officer and an area manager, he has, for 30 years at Leeds and then York University, been researching the problems and challenges faced by vulnerable young people, including care leavers, young people running away from home and care, and neglected and maltreated adolescents. Mike is a joint co-ordinator of the Transitions from Care to Adulthood International Research Group (INTRAC) and has been involved in the preparation of Guidance for Leaving Care legislation in the UK. His most recent publications include: *Young People Leaving Care, supporting pathways to adulthood* (JKP, 2012) and *Care Less Lives*, the story of the rights movement of young people in care (Catch 22, 2011).

Steve Walker (Deputy Director of Children's Services, Safeguarding, Specialist and Targeted, Leeds City Council)

Steve Walker qualified as a social worker in 1984 and worked as a social worker and front line manager for over ten years before becoming a Principal Manager. In addition to his experience as a senior manager for Children's Services, Steve was a Research Fellow at Royal Holloway College, University of London where he developed a range of materials to support social work practice. He was an inspector with the Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales and has been involved in developing and implementing policy to deliver better outcomes for children. He is currently the Deputy Director for Safeguarding, Specialist and Targeted Services, Leeds City Council.

Professor Nick Frost (Professor of Social Work, Leeds Metropolitan University)

Nick Frost is Professor of Social Work (Childhood, children and families), at the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, Leeds Metropolitan University. Nick has published widely in the fields of child welfare and professional learning: most recently he has written, 'Understanding Children's Social Care' (with Nigel Parton, Sage, 2009), 'Re-thinking Children and Families' (Continuum, 2011) and co-edited 'Beyond Reflective Practice' (Routledge, 2010). Nick is a registered social worker, and practiced in local authority social work settings for 15 years before commencing his academic career. He became Independent Chair of Bradford Safeguarding Children Board in 2010.

Venue:

Centenary Gallery
Parkinson Building
University of Leeds
Leeds
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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.