

Programme

DC Network Conference and AGM

Sunday 19 April 2026 - 9.30am-5pm

Ashmole Academy, Cecil Road, Southgate, London N14 5RJ



Time	Activity	
9.30am	Doors open - coffee and registration - childcare team ready for arrivals, creche opens	
10.30am	Conference starts - welcome and introductions	
10.45am	Telling and Talking - sharing your family story part 1 We'll hear from solo mum, Anita, and solo dad, Colum talking about their journeys to parenthood and how they are managing talking about donor conception with their children and the wider world.	
11.10am	Telling and Talking - sharing your family story part 2 Jane, mum through egg donation, will share her experience of talking about donor conception with her daughter and how that family story has evolved over the last 23 years.	
11.40am	Tea break	
12.00pm	OPTION 1: Knowing More About Donor Relatives Opportunities and challenges for telling and talking Dr Leah Gilman Research presentation and Q&A In the hall	OPTION 2: Morning discussion groups Instead of the research presentation, you can attend a small group - aimed at meeting others in a similar situation and making connections. In classrooms
1pm	Lunch break - Collect any children for lunch and drop them back before 2pm	
2.00pm	AGM and DC Network news	
2.20pm	Rebecca Coxon - Late discovery, 'telling', and what happens next...? plus Q&A Rebecca discovered she was donor conceived through a DNA test and has published her memoir, 'Inconceivable'. She will share her complex, fascinating story, 'telling' and experience as an egg donor.	
3pm	Short comfort break - then return to the hall	
3.10pm	Telling and Talking: challenges for parents Astrid Indekeu and Nina Barnsley will share some more challenging scenarios and open a discussion.	
3.55pm	Final words	
4pm	Tea and cake	
4.30pm	Creche closes	
5pm	Finish	



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