



Programme

DC Network Conference and AGM

Saturday 23rd April 2022

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

Groups and activities for teenagers 13yrs+ and donor conceived adults will run concurrent to the morning programme. They can then join the main conference for the afternoon sessions if they wish.

Time	Activity	Details	
9.30am	Coffee and registration - Childcare team open their doors	Refectory	
10.30am	Welcome and introductions	Theatre	
10.45am	Destination Parenthood: panel discussion Our panel of parents will share their journey to parenthood	Theatre	
11.45am	Break and moving rooms		
12.00pm	<p>OPTION 1</p> <p>Research presentations Researching experiences of donor-conceived children, young people, and young adults Dr Sophie Zadeh, UCL Dr Zadeh will present findings from her psychological research on donor conceived children and young people in different family set-ups. She will also outline her new project, conducted in partnership with DCN.</p> <p>Connected Parenting: Digital media and peer support as a parent using donor conception Dr Jai Mackenzie, University of Nottingham Dr Mackenzie shares insights from her research with single and/or LGB parents who have had children through donor conception, including sperm donation, egg donation and surrogacy. The research focuses on these parents' use of digital media.</p>	<p>OPTION 2</p> <p>Morning groups You can choose a topic for a small group discussion. You will be emailed with options after booking your tickets.</p> <p>Check your label on the day for the correct room for your group.</p>	<p>OPTION 1 Research presentations in the Theatre</p> <p>OPTION 2 Small discussion groups are in classrooms</p>
1pm	Lunch break - Collect children from crèche - Lunch is provided	Refectory	
2.00pm	AGM and Network News	Theatre	
2.30pm	Being Donor Conceived – Kate, a DCN member, shares her story	Theatre	
3.15pm	DNA Testing, sperm donor anonymity and me – BBC film In 2020 DCN member Natasha & Marilyn Crawshaw discussed donor anonymity & DNA testing in a short BBC film. We will be showing the film and follow that with a discussion on the issues raised.	Theatre	
4pm	Tea & cake	Refectory	
4.30pm	Finish and creche closes		