

Safeguarding Children in Polish Families

From National Strategies to Community Collaboration

7th July 2017 11.00 – 5.00 pm

Polish Cultural and Social Centre POSK
4th floor, 238 King Street, London, W6 0RF

Programme

10:30 Registration

11:00 Welcome

Chair: Joanna Młodzińska, Vice Chairman of POSK

11:15 Panel One: Existing Challenges and Struggles of Polish Families from Different Perspectives

- Polish Family Support – Anna Janczuk, Familia Support Centre
- Family Solicitor – Agata Osinska
- Standing Together Against Domestic Violence (speaker - TBC)

12:15 Panel Two: Available Support and Possible Obstacles in Providing Help to Families

- Statutory and Voluntary Services: Children Services (speaker TBC), Hammersmith and Fulham Police, Ealing Equality Council – Barbara Karayi, Barnardo's (speaker TBC)

13:15 Networking lunch

14:00 Panel Three: How Community Organisations Support Families to Tackle Safeguarding Issues

- Representatives of Polish Community organisations based in England and Wales:
Ewa Wilcock - Polish Domestic Violence Help Line, Elizabeth Kardynal - EWA CIC Walsall,
Gosia Mc Kane - Merseyside Polonia Liverpool, Family Support service London (TBC)

15:00 Coffee break

15:15 Open discussion: What next?

- How services and organisations can work together and share information to improve children's safety and wellbeing.
- Exploring ways of working holistically, addressing practical, legal, financial and emotional issues of parents or carers
- Creating action plan and/or strategies

16:45 Summary of the discussion and closing comments

17:00 Conference close