

Building Bridges SCiP Alliance conference

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West Downs Centre, Winchester



Service Children's Progression





Welcome to Winchester.

Building Bridges, organised by the Service Children's Progression (SCiP) Alliance.



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The Service Children’s Progression (SCiP) Alliance is a partnership of organisations focused on improving outcomes for children from military families. It is funded by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) through the Education Support Fund.

The SCiP Alliance’s Mission is to:

Champion the progression of the children of military personnel, so that they can make informed and confident transitions through further and higher education into thriving adult lives and careers.

The SCiP Alliance works to:

- 1) Establish and sustain an alliance of stakeholder organisations across the UK to develop a coherent strategy for the progression of service children into thriving adult lives and careers;
- 2) Develop an effective practice hub that will enable the continuous improvement of practitioners’ work with and for service children’s education and progression in local contexts; and
- 3) Lead a research and knowledge exchange unit to drive improvements in understanding, evidence and impact focused on service children’s outcomes

The SCiP Alliance is hosted at the University of Winchester. It is directed by Philip Dent, managed by Katherine Lawrence and administered by Jo Burgess. Speak to one of us today or find out more at www.scipalliance.org

Please help us by giving your input and views, returning the evaluation form in your delegate pack today or in the next few days. Join the conversation by using:

#MilitaryChildEd

and talk to us on Twitter:

@scipalliance



Time	28th June 2016, University of Winchester	
09.00	Arrival and Registration	Foyer
09.45	Welcome <i>Joy Carter DL, Vice Chancellor of the University of Winchester</i>	West Downs 2 (WD2)
09.50	Conference Keynote <i>Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP</i> MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed, Chair of the APPG for the Armed Forces Covenant	
10.10	Q and A with Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP	
10.30	Panel Discussion <i>Chair: General Sir John McColl (Chairman, Cobseo - The Confederation of Service Charities)</i> What bridges will help service children make smooth and confident transitions? <i>Russell Collier (Principal Education Officer, Directorate Children and Young People, MoD)</i> <i>Ken McQuillan (Welfare Support & Regional Liaison Officer, Northern Ireland Service Children's Education Forum)</i> <i>Graham Razey (Principal, Canterbury College and East Kent College)</i> <i>Andy Heyes (School Improvement Manager, Hampshire County Council)</i> <i>Jack Smith (Head of Programmes, Office for Fair Access)</i>	WD2
11.10	Break	Foyer
11.30	Introducing the Service Children’s Progression (SCiP) Alliance <i>Phil Dent, Chair, SCiP Alliance</i> <i>Dr Judith McCullouch, SCiP Alliance Research Group Chair</i>	WD2
12pm	Research Keynote <i>Professor Nicola Fear, Director, King’s Centre for Military Health Research</i>	WD2
12.30	Lunch	WD1
13.15	Effective Practice Workshops – choice of sessions hearing from Alliance partners	WD 2
14.15	Effective Practice Workshops – choice of sessions hearing from Alliance partners	WD 7
15.15	Conference learning: priorities for policy, research and practice <i>Phil Dent, University of Winchester and workshops chairs</i>	WD 9
15.45	Closing remarks	WD2
4pm	Conference closes	





Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP

MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed, Chair of the APPG for the Armed Forces Covenant



Anne-Marie Trevelyan was elected MP for the Berwick-upon-Tweed constituency in 2015 and lives in the constituency with her husband John and their two teenaged children.

The constituency is large and predominantly rural, covering over 1,000 square miles of north Northumberland from Hartburn in the south, to the Scottish border, and includes large parts of Northumberland National Park, the Coquet Valley, Holy Island and the historic towns of Alnwick and Berwick.

A chartered accountant by trade, Anne-Marie sits on the House of Commons' Public Accounts Committee and is committed to ensuring taxpayers' money is spent well in ways which are accountable to the public. Her other areas of interest and topics of campaigns include rural broadband, dualling the A1, and the armed forces covenant.

Anne-Marie is an active member of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme, which sees her spending 20 days in 2016 with the Navy (and 20 with the RAF last year). The past six months have seen her spend five days on board HMS Diamond in Gibraltar, and a week with the Royal Marines in the Arctic Circle. As well as cultivating a deeper understanding and respect for service personnel, she has heard from service personnel and their families about ways in which the Covenant was not being met, and thus established the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Armed Forces Covenant which seeks to ensure the nation's commitment to veterans, forces personnel and their families is upheld.

Anne-Marie was recently the lead questioner in her Select Committee's inquiry into Service Families Accommodation, and deals with UK-wide correspondence on covenant-related issues on a daily basis.

Anne-Marie has been inspired by her recent visits to compete in the Royal Marines Commando Challenge later this month, and is presently undergoing a gruelling training schedule with the help of a navy trainer.

Her wider interests involve spending time with her family, making the most of the incredible landscape her vast and varied constituency affords and putting her passion for singing to good use by taking part in Singing for Syrians concerts in Westminster.



Professor Nicola Fear

Director, King's Centre for Military Health Research



Nicola joined the Academic Department of Military Mental Health at King's College London (KCL) in 2004 having trained as an epidemiologist at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and University of Oxford.

Nicola has also worked as an epidemiologist within the UK Ministry of Defence.

Since 2011, Nicola has been Director of the King's Centre of Military Health Research (KCMHR) alongside Professor Sir Simon Wessely.

In 2014, Nicola was awarded a Chair in Epidemiology. Nicola is the lead epidemiologist on the KCMHR military cohort study and leads several studies examining the impact of military service on families.

General Sir John McCall KCB CBE DSO

Chairman of Cobseo, The Confederation of Service Charities.



Sir John acts as the voice of the Service Charitable Sector within Government and the Private Sector and is charged with encouraging cooperation and collaboration across the Service Charitable Sector to enhance the support given to the Armed Forces Community.

Sir John chairs the Confederation's Executive Committee and is a member of a number of cross Government committees including the Covenant Reference Group and the MOD Service Charities Partnership Board. He meets regularly with Ministers and is widely consulted by the MOD.





Effective Practice workshops

These will run at 1.15pm and 2.15pm. Please visit the registration desk where you will be able to choose which workshop you will attend this afternoon. Stickers for each workshop, to be displayed on delegate badges, are available on a first come, first served basis. If there are no stickers for your preferred workshop please help us ensure good attendance for our workshop leads by selecting your next choice. You could always find someone attending a workshop you'd like to go to and strike up a conversation in the hope of swapping or getting to know someone who shares your interest.

Room	WD9	WD7	WD2
1.15pm	Workshop A Children's University for mobile families Richard Barry, West of England Children's University led by University of the West of England	Workshop B Bridging international transitions: mobility overseas Mandy Cyprus-Slater, Acting Principal Educational Psychologist, DCYP MOD	Workshop C Career aspirations of armed forces students at Secondary School and Sixth Form College Matthew Thorne, EdD student, University of Reading
2.15pm	Workshop D A case study: Partnership working and networks Dr Sally Griffin, Bath Spa University Kath Lawrence, University of Winchester Andy Heyes, Hampshire County Council	Workshop E Bridging the gaps for young carers in Armed Forces Families Helen Leadbitter, The Children's Society	Workshop F The SCiP Alliance research group: Priorities and plans Michael Hall, University of Winchester
Chaired by	Dr Janice De Sousa, Dean of Faculty of Education, Health and Social Care, University of Winchester	Sarah-Louise Collins, Widening Participation Director, University of Winchester	Professor Stephanie Spencer, Head of Department, Faculty of Education, Health and Social Care, University of Winchester



13.15	Workshops A, B and C
A WD9	Bridging the gap between school moves: Children's University for mobile families This workshop will explore the development of the Children's University in Wiltshire. Delegates will be provided with the opportunity to discuss Children's University within the national regional and local context and explore ways in which the programme could benefit schools, children, families and organisations in their area. The workshop leader will provide advice and support in registering schools and organisations as Children's University partners.
B WD7	Bridging international transitions: mobility overseas This workshop will present ideas about supporting transitions, drawing on the experience of an Educational Psychologist working with service children in MOD schools around the world. Suggestions for effective practice are drawn from MOD guidance and protocols, current literature, everyday experiences, and most importantly the views of children themselves! The value in taking a socio-cultural perspective will be highlighted. Key ideas will be shared, with an opportunity to explore in more detail those that are of greatest interest to the workshop participants.
C WD2	Connecting aspirations and outcomes: career aspirations of armed forces students at Secondary School and Sixth Form College This workshop will move beyond existing research and examine whether being a child of an armed forces family has an effect on a young person's subject choices at college and their general career aspirations. Does existing government policy offer the support these students need in school with regards to personal and careers support. Evidence in the form of a case study of one school and sixth form will be used to start to investigate these issues.
14.15	Workshops D, E and F
D WD9	A case study: Partnership working and networks This workshop will present a regional HE partnership and a county-wide school coordinator network. Delegates will hear how Bath Spa University and the University of Winchester have worked both individually and together to raise service children's aspirations through their Access Agreements and explore an innovative Hampshire County Council project to establish a network of service children coordinators in primary and secondary schools. Delegates will discuss examples and ideas around regional partnership working and generate ideas for pooling expertise and experience across educational phases and institutional boundaries.
E WD7	Bridging the gaps for young carers in Armed Forces Families This workshop will explore the needs of young carers in armed forces families. Delegates will understand the legislative duties that outline the rights of young carers, consider the impacts of unmet needs of family members suffering with ill health, disability and stigmatised illness and the health and wellbeing young carers. The discussion groups will explore the barriers to identifying young carers in armed forces families, solutions for best practice and bridging the gaps between multi-agency services. Ensuring that the needs of young carers are met in timely and whole family approach.
F WD2	The SCiP Alliance research group: priorities and plans This workshop will outline the mission and work of the SCiP Alliance Research Group. The group exists to lead the prioritisation, design and delivery of research to improve knowledge, understanding, tracking and evidence that will support the development of effective policy and practice. This workshop is an opportunity for delegates to engage with the work of the research group so far and reflect on the key priorities on which the group ought to be focusing.





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The SCiP Alliance would like to thank the Ministry of Defence's Directorate for Children and Young People for their support.

Particular thanks go to today's presenters, chairs and panel members for giving up their time.

We would also like to thank the University of Winchester's Widening Participation team, the Centre for Research into Teaching and Teacher Education and the SCiP Alliance board for their support and expertise.

This event has been a collaboration with the University of Winchester and the Centre for Research in Teaching and Teacher Education.



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