

Child Soldiers: Protection and Rehabilitation

An Interdisciplinary Approach

CONFERENCE
PROGRAMME

Friday 27 May 2011

Fee: £130
(£104 per person for groups
of 3 or more)



This one day conference is aimed at legal and therapeutic professionals who work with traumatised children involved in asylum proceedings, in particular those children who have been forcibly recruited as child soldiers. It offers the opportunity to explore the different roles and remit of lawyers and therapists in this process and the particular challenges facing practitioners.

The objective of the conference is to provide an over-arching view of the applicable therapeutic and legal framework of the process, with concrete examples of cases, to encourage understanding between the professions of the issues of traumatised children being assessed for expert reports and giving evidence in legal proceedings.

The presentations will deal with both domestic and international perspectives on this challenging phenomenon. Delegates will gain insight into the issues affecting child soldiers, the therapeutic input and use of experts' reports, as well as the processes of the legal arena.

We hope this dialogue will promote greater understanding of the difficulties that such children face and facilitate constructive professional links between these often disparate perspectives of the legal and therapeutic worlds.

Applications from those who are deaf or hard of hearing are welcome.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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This conference is suitable for:

Judges, barristers, solicitors, therapists, social workers and medical experts, as well as those working in complementary roles in voluntary organisations.

Applications to attend from practitioners new to the field, including therapy trainees and law students, are welcomed.

Continuing Professional Development points under the Solicitors Regulation Authority scheme may be claimed.

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- 9.00 Registration and Coffee**
- 9.30 Introduction by the Chair**
(morning sessions)
The Right Honourable, the Baroness Hale of Richmond, *Justice of the Supreme Court*
- 9.45 The Challenge of the Child Soldier**
Overview of the challenges and issues involving child soldiers within a global and United Nations framework
Professor Guy S. Goodwin-Gill, *All Souls College, University of Oxford, Barrister at Blackstone Chambers*
- 10.15 Q&A session**
- 10.30 War's Children: Frontline Encounters**
Recounting personal interviews of child soldiers in Africa and giving voice to their experiences
Mike Thomson, *Foreign Affairs Correspondent, the Today Programme, BBC Radio 4*
- 11.00 Q&A session**
- 11.15 Coffee Break**
- 11.35 The Psychiatrist/Psychotherapist in the Legal Arena**
The generic and specific issues of child soldiers in assessment reports and its journey through the legal system
Dr David Bell, *Consultant Psychiatrist, The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, President, British Psychoanalytical Society*
- 12.05 Q&A session**
- 12.20 The Unaccompanied Child as an Asylum Seeker: Problems and Principles for the Immigration Judiciary**
Military service as a refugee convention ground and exclusions from protection. Article 38, Convention on the Rights of the Child, the child's best interests and her rights of appeal
Mr Justice Nicholas Blake, *President of the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)*
- 12.40 Q&A session**
- 12.55 Lunch**
- 1.40 Chair** (afternoon sessions)
Senior Immigration Judge Catriona Jarvis, *Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber), UK Rapporteur for the International Association of Refugee Law Judges Vulnerable Persons Working Party*
- 1.45 Victim or Perpetrator? Credibility or Trauma?**
The therapeutic perspective of dealing with a child soldier as both victim and perpetrator and how symptoms of trauma impact on credibility in the legal arena
Professor Renos Papadopoulos, *Director, the Centre for Trauma, Asylum and Refugees, University of Essex*
- 2.15 Q&A session**
- 2.30 Court Room Dynamics and Children**
Inter-professional dynamics and organisational systemic issues from assessment through to judgment
Dr Judith Freedman, *Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist, The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, Convenor of the Consortium of Expert Witnesses to the Family Courts*
- 3.00 Q&A session**
- 3.15 Tea Break**
- 3.35 Make Law not War: Child soldiers and Legal Positivism**
An overview of the difficulties of international law-making on the issue of child soldiers, by a former appeal Judge of the UN Sierra Leone Special Court
Geoffrey Robertson QC, *Doughty Street Chambers*
- 3.55 Q&A session**
- 4.10 The Voice of a Child Soldier**
A discussion with a child soldier led by a Therapist and SIJ Catriona Jarvis
- 4.40 Q&A session with delegates**
- 4.55 Reflections and Themes from the Day**
Summary and exploration of the themes from the different therapeutic and legal discourses
Professor Renos Papadopoulos and SIJ Catriona Jarvis
- 5.35 Thanks and Close**

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