

# Draft Programme

## DC Network Conference and AGM

Saturday 4 May 2024 - 9.30am-5pm

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



Time	Activity	
9.30am	<b>Doors open - coffee and registration</b> - childcare team ready for arrivals, creche opens	
10.30am	<b>Conference starts - welcome and introductions</b>	
10.45am	<b>Bringing the donor into the story: panel discussion</b> An egg donor (who also has DC children), a historic sperm donor (from the 1980s) and one of his donor conceived offspring, and a donor conceived adult will share their thoughts and experiences.	
11.40am	<b>Tea break</b>	
12.00pm	<b>OPTION 1 - Why, when and how? Egg donors and their routes to donation</b> Prof Nicky Hudson of De Montfort University will present findings from her research about egg donation in the UK, Spain and Belgium. <b>In the hall</b>	<b>OPTION 2 - Morning discussion groups</b> Instead of the research presentation, you can choose to attend a small group - aimed at meeting others in a similar situation and making connections. <b>In classrooms</b>
1pm	<b>Lunch break</b> - Collect any children for lunch and drop them back before 2pm	
2.00pm	<b>AGM and network news</b>	
2.20pm	<b>OPTION 1 - 2023 - What happens next?</b> Rachel Cutting from the HFEA and Nina Barnsley from DCN will be talking about the impact for families with children turning 18 post 2023 and thoughts for those conceived outside the UK framework (for example, pre-2005 or abroad). <b>In the hall</b>	<b>OPTION 2 - Afternoon topic groups</b> Instead of the presentation, you can select to attend a small group discussion on a particular topic. You will be emailed a list of topics to choose from and we'll let you know which group you are in. <b>In classrooms</b>
3.10pm	<b>Comfort break</b> - then return to the hall	
3.25pm	<b>Ethnicity and donor conception: choices, decision-making and relevance</b> Two parents will be sharing how ethnicity played a part in their donor conception journey.	
3.55pm	<b>Final words</b>	
4pm	<b>Tea and cake</b>	
4.30pm	<b>Creche closes</b>	
5pm	<b>Finish</b>	

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