



# Programme

## DC Network Conference and AGM

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020

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

Time	Activity	Details
9.30am	<b>Coffee and registration</b> - Childcare team open their doors	Refectory
10.30am	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	Theatre
10.45am	<b>DNA Testing, sperm donor anonymity and me – BBC film</b> In January 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
11.30am	<b>Morning Mingle</b> - break and time to meet others	Refectory/theatre
12.00pm	<b>Path to parenthood – an egg donation story</b>	Theatre
12.30pm	<b>Being Donor Conceived – Kate, a DCN member, shares her story</b>	Theatre
1pm	<b>Lunch break</b> - Collect children from crèche - Lunch is provided	Refectory
2.00pm	<b>AGM and Network News</b>	Theatre
2.15pm	<b>Inheritance – A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love</b> <i>'All my life I had known there was a secret. What I hadn't known: the secret was me.'</i> In the spring of 2016, through a genealogy website to which she had whimsically submitted her DNA for analysis, author Dani Shapiro received the stunning news that her father was not her biological father.	Theatre
2.50pm	<b>Break and moving rooms</b>	
3.00pm	<p><b>Afternoon groups</b> Some of you will attend a small discussion group. You will have chosen a specific topic on the booking form and will be informed of which group you have been allocated to.</p> <p>In classrooms – check your label.</p> <p><b>Research presentations</b> <b>Researching experiences of donor-conceived children, young people, and young adults</b> 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><b>Extra-ordinary families?</b> Jai Mackenzie, University of Nottingham Dr Mackenzie shares insights from her research with single and/or LGB parents who have children through donor conception or adoption.</p>	<p>Small classrooms</p> <p>Theatre</p>
4.00pm	<b>Tea and social time</b>	Drinks available
4.30pm	<b>Crèche closes</b>	