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CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY

24

APRIL 2024

09:30-16:30

Safeguarding international students

COURSE OUTLINE

Safeguarding international students remains a complex and challenging area of work. It is important to recognise the vulnerabilities of international students studying, and indeed living, away from home. This conference brings together expert speakers with specialist knowledge and experience who work with international students. It aims to inform and support colleagues managing safeguarding in international contexts and focusses on emerging themes and concerns including mental health, online safety and navigating cultural norms.

We will facilitate questions directly from members to our experts throughout the day and encourage delegates to come prepared with questions for our panels.

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Safeguarding International Students Conference

Wednesday, April **24**, 2024

SESSION 1 09:30 – 10:15 **Welcome and keynote – Exploring Safeguarding through a rights-based lens**
Chair: Sarah Bellotti, Chair, BAISIS and Head, Mill Hill International

- Sarah Lancaster, Director of Safeguarding: Children's rights, safeguarding and participation, UNICEF

Our keynote speaker will explore safeguarding through a child rights lens and discuss how underpinning safeguarding practice with the UNCRC can support practitioners to navigate the global and domestic complex, multi-layered safeguarding landscape. The session will include relevant statistics and specifics around supporting international students and how supporting students as agents of change can present opportunities to applying and adapting our safeguarding principles and practice.

10:15 – 10:30 **Break**

SESSION 2 10:30 – 11:30 **How does the online safety agenda influence international safeguarding practice?**
Chair: Bethan Waddington, Director, BAISIS

- Karl Hopwood, esafety expert and Chair, SACPA

Many safeguarding concerns and issues around online safety, internet use and engagement are very similar for all young people. However, we know that for young people coming from different, in some cases more restrictive, backgrounds, be that parental, cultural or political, new freedoms and access can be exciting and bring their own challenges. This session will highlight areas for discussion around online safety that may require extra consideration for international students including the impact of different languages when filtering and monitoring, awareness of more popular apps and functions, VPN use and educating the students themselves.

11:30 – 11:45 **Break**

SESSION 3 11:45 – 12:30 **Safeguarding considerations when working with cultural aspects of trauma**
Chair: Claire Dan, Director, SACPA

- Tom Caston, Principal, MPW Cambridge
- Mark Heywood, Principal, The Royal School Wolverhampton

This session explores how practitioners can support international students exposed to trauma either through lived experience or through navigating cultural variations in studying away from home.

12:30 -13:30 **Lunch**

SESSION 4 13:30 – 14:30 **Statutory risks: implementation of safeguarding and due diligence from the point of acceptance**
Chair: Bethan Waddington, Director, BAISIS

- Kate Hollyer, Legal and Public Affairs Director, BSA Group

This session will identify the areas where your duty of care and safeguarding responsibilities intersect with your statutory requirements as a Sponsor. Our speaker will highlight the importance of embedding a robust safeguarding thread through all processes relating to the recruitment and acceptance of international students addressing possible risk areas including pre-arrival, travel and forming a relationship with the family.

14:30 – 14:45 **Break**

SESSION 5 14:45 – 15:30 **Safeguarding young adults: empowering individuals through school and further education**
Chair: Claire Dan, Director, SACPA

- Bill Prior, Joint Principal, The International College, King's School, Canterbury

Do your international students know about your safeguarding policy and their right to a safe and happy time in your care? Is this information readily accessible and highlighted to them? This session will consider how we can equip students with the knowledge and understanding of safeguarding to empower them as they engage with their education, extra-curricular activities and life in the wider community.

15:30 – 15:45 **Break**

SESSION 6 15:45 – 16:30 **The practical application of safeguarding policy: case studies concerning international students**
Chair: Dale Wilkins, Senior Director, BSA Group

- Carolyn Harrison, Deputy Head (Pastoral), Fettes College
- Jane Pawulska, DSL, Bishop's Stortford College
- Simon Hill, Deputy Head (Pastoral), Christ College Brecon

In this session we will hear from a panel of current practitioners on their experiences of implementing safeguarding and related policy with international students and their families..

16:30 **Conference close**

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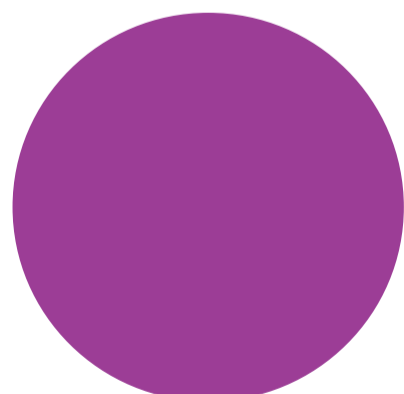
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