# **Grooming and Exploitation: Opening Eyes and Minds Conference**

**Thursday 18 November, Crown Plaza Hotel, Nottingham**

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| **09.00am** | **Registration and Refreshments** |
| **09.30am** | **Welcome, Professor Todd Landman, Conference Chair.** Professor Todd Landman is Professor of Political Science and Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Nottingham. He is the Executive Director of the Rights Lab, a University Beacon of Excellence carrying out research on ending modern slavery. |
| **09.45am** | **Keynote – Understanding Predatory Marriage****Daphne Franks, Justice for Joan.**Daphne’s mother, Joan, was 91 with severe dementia and terminal cancer. She died in March 2016. After this, Daphne found that a much younger man, age 68, had secretly married her five months previously. In this keynote, Daphne will explain the definition of Predatory Marriage – a term that may be unfamiliar to many. Daphne will share her experience and offer advice about how to recognise the signs and respond to concerns about Predatory Marriage.Finally, Daphne will highlight some of the legal and systemic changes that could help to prevent this form of abuse. |
| **10.45am** | **Break**  |
| **11.15am** | **Breakout session – Choose one session from the three below**. |
|  | **Education not Violence: Responding to Far-Right Extremism, *Nigel Bromage, Small Steps.***Small Steps is an organisation set-up by former members of the far right who use their inside information to lift the lid on how the far-right recruit, think and operate. This session will raise awareness of how far-right extremism is increasing with a growing influence online and on the street. The workshop will provide information on what people should be looking for and explore how everyone can do something to reduce extremism. The session will cover a number of practical initiatives that everyone – individuals and organisations - can look to do to reduce extremism. |
|  | **Recognising, Reporting and Responding to Doorstep Scams** ***Reg Burrell, Operation Repeat.***Operation REPEAT aims to raise awareness about how older adults can be at risk of financial abuse as a result of doorstep crime and online scams. This session will explain how doorstop crime works and discuss how you can spot the signs someone is being subjected to abuse. The session will explore the messages and methods available to prevent these crimes from occurring and how to minimise the risk of abuse. |
|  | **Creating Safer Cultures to Minimise the Risk of Grooming and Exploitation in the Sport and Activity Sector, *Ann Craft Trust and British Athletics Commission (BAC).***Grooming and abuse can occur at any level in any sport. Anyone, at any age, can be a victim of grooming***.*** This session will explore how the grooming process can occur in sport and activity because of existing power dynamics and cultures that are often embedded within sport. The session will use the experiences of the BAC, Ann Craft Trust and former athletes to enable you to develop your knowledge about how you and your club or organisation can contribute to creating a safer culture that minimises the risk of grooming.  |
| **12.30pm** | **Lunch and Networking** **An opportunity to network with delegates and speakers and enjoy a two-course lunch.**  |
| **1.30pm** | **Breakout session – Choose one session from the three below**. |
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|  | **Missed in Mainstream: Young People with Learning Needs and Sexual Exploitation, *Sarah Goff, Ann Craft Trust.***This workshop is aimed at those who work *in any capacity* with children and families. Drawing upon recent practice research with parents of young people with autism or learning disabilities, this workshop asks; what can we do about sexual abuse and exploitation of young people with both diagnosed and undiagnosed learning needs?This session will explore the impact of sexual abuse and exploitation on young people themselves, their siblings and their parents and carers. The workshop will discuss how we can support young people and help parents keep young people with learning needs and autism safer. Practical guidance will be provided about how individuals and organisations can minimise the risk of sexual abuse and how to recognise and respond to the needs of young people when harm does happen.  |
| **2.45pm**  | **Break** |
| **3.00pm** | **Roundtable Discussions**An opportunity to share best practice and learning from the day with fellow delegates and the conference team.Each table with be chaired by either a member of the Ann Craft Trust, Small Steps or Operation Repeat. |
| **3.15pm** | **Question and Answer Panel**The Ann Craft Trust, Small Steps, Operation Repeat and Justice for Joan will answer your questions about grooming and exploitation and explore how you and your organisation can develop your safeguarding practice to minimise the risk of harm and abuse.  |
| **3.45pm** | **Conference Close** |