

HIDDEN HARM CONFERENCE Speaker Biographies

Vivienne Evans

Vivienne Evans is the Chief Executive of Adfam, the national organisation which works with, and for families affected by substance misuse. Formerly, Vivienne was Head of Programme Development at DrugScope, leading on education and prevention work in a partnership project with Alcohol Concern.

With nearly 40 years experience of health and drug policy and practice in the UK and abroad, she has worked as a consultant for several high profile, international organisations, including the United Nations (Drug Control Programme) and the World Health Organisation. She is a former member of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) and chaired its working group on the implementation of *Hidden Harm*, a report that addresses the needs of the children of drug users. She is currently the chair of the advisory committee for the Family Drug and Alcohol Court project, an innovative approach to supporting families and children affected by drugs and alcohol, and a member of the NICE Programme Development Group on Alcohol Use Disorders.

Kathrin Houmøller

Kathrin graduated from the Department of Anthropology and Ethnography, University of Aarhus with a specialism in medical anthropology. Since January 2007 she has been working at the Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour on the Family Life project, a qualitative longitudinal study of children and young people's experiences of family life affected by parental drug use. Prior, to this she worked as an intern and assistant at Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research at the University of Aarhus with a focus on experimental methadone treatment. As part of her studies she conducted ethnographic fieldwork on reproductive health in Eastern Uganda.

Sarah Bernays

Sarah is a research fellow in the Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour, which is based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London. She is trained as a social anthropologist. Her research areas include substance use, HIV/AIDS and the role hope may play in influencing risk. She is particularly interested in conducting qualitative research with marginalised and/ or vulnerable groups such as young people and how to best include them in participatory research and dissemination. Currently she is working on the Family Life project.

Sarah Wilson

Dr. Sarah Wilson is a Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Stirling. She is currently working on the *Family Life Project* with Tim Rhodes, Sarah Bernays and Kathrin Houmøller and was the researcher on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation funded project *Resilience and Transition Among Young People Affected by Parental Substance Use Problems* which involved interviewing young people affected by parental substance use across Scotland. She also organised an ESRC seminar series on *The Impact of Parental Substance Misuse: Research, Practice and Policy* (2003-04) which brought together researchers, practitioners and policymakers in the field from across the UK. In 2006 she participated in the Aberlour and SAADAT 'Thinktank' 'A Matter of Substance? Alcohol or Drugs: Does It Really Make a Difference to the Child?'

Her PhD focused on HIV-positive mothers' use of statutory and voluntary social services. She is also a qualified solicitor, with experience of practice in the areas of childcare and criminal law.

Tim Rhodes

Tim Rhodes is Professor in Public Health Sociology, and Director of the Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour, at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London. His academic background is qualitative sociology. His research interests are: qualitative methods; injecting drug use; how social environments influence drug harms; and family life affected by drug use. His current research projects include a qualitative longitudinal study of children's experiences of parental drug use, and a qualitative study of how long-term drug injectors have avoided hepatitis C. He recently completed large programmes of work in HIV prevention for injecting drug users in Russia and Serbia. He is Editor-In-Chief of the *International Journal of Drug Policy*.

Alex Copello

Alex came to the UK from Argentina in 1977. Alex trained in Psychology in London, Clinical Psychology at the University of Surrey and later obtained his PhD from the University of Birmingham. He is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist, formerly clinical director of the Birmingham and Solihull NHS Foundation Trust substance misuse services and currently the Director for the Trust Applied Addiction Research and Development Programme and Professor of Addiction Research at The School of Psychology, University of Birmingham. His career has combined clinical and academic work in the addiction field. His research and clinical interests include the study of the impact of addiction upon families as well as the development and evaluation of family and social network based interventions. He has been a member of the executive council of the Society for the Study of Addiction and is currently the chair of the New Directions in the Study of Alcohol Group in the UK. Alex publishes regularly in a number of scientific journals and has co-

authored/edited the following books: *Living with Drink: Women Who Live with Problem Drinkers* (1998); *Substance Misuse in Psychosis: Approaches to Treatment and Service Delivery* (2002) [Awarded a High Commendation in the 2003 BMA Book competition]; *Cognitive Behavioural Integrated Treatment* (2004), *Coping with Alcohol and Drug Problems* (2005) and *Social Behaviour and Network Therapy for Alcohol Problems* (2009).

Judith Harwin

Judith Harwin is Professor of Social Work at Brunel University and directs the Brunel Interdisciplinary Child and Youth Focused Research Centre. Her research interests and publications focus on vulnerable children and families, evaluation of policy and social work effectiveness. She has a long standing interest in outcomes for children in public care, parental substance misuse, child welfare and care planning and contributed to the newly published *Lancet* Series of papers on Child Maltreatment and been guest editor of a special issue of *Child Abuse Review* on parental and young people' substance misuse (December 2008).

She is currently leading a first stage descriptive evaluation of a unique pilot Family Drug and Alcohol Court in care proceedings funded by the Nuffield Foundation and Home Office (final report July 2010). It is the first such court in the UK. It is cited in the June 2007 White Paper *Care Matters: Time for Change*.

She is also a member of an EU seventeen country study of children whose parents misuse alcohol (2007-2010) with particular reference to health impacts.

She is a member of the London Family Justice Council and the BAAF research advisory group. She has undertaken research and consultancy for UNICEF, UNESCO, the EU and World Bank.

Michael Shiner

Dr Michael Shiner has almost twenty years experience as a researcher and lecturer in criminology, specialising in drug and alcohol issues. He is currently Senior Lecturer in the Social Policy Department at the London School of Economics, prior to which he was based at Goldsmiths College and the Policy Studies Institute. Michael has a long standing interest in the possible application of restorative justice to the drugs field, which was sharpened through his work on Joseph Rowntree Foundation study exploring community responses to drug issues. Michael has written several books, including the soon-to-be published *Drug Use and Social Change: the Distortion of History*, as well as numerous articles and reports.