

Draft Programme

DC Network Conference and AGM

Saturday 15th April 2023 - 9.30am-5pm

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



Time	Activity	
9.30am	Coffee and registration - Childcare team open their doors	
10.30am	Welcome and introductions	
10.45am	30 Years of Openness: DC people panel discussion Our panel of donor conceived young adults will share their thoughts and experiences	
11.40am	Break and moving rooms	
12.00pm	OPTION 1 - Research presentation Direct to consumer DNA Testing and Donor Conception Dr Lucy Frith, University of Manchester, will present the interim findings from the ConnecteDNA project. In the Hall	OPTION 2 - Morning discussion groups Instead of the research presentation, you have the option to attend a small topic group discussion. You will be emailed with topic options nearer the conference date. In Classrooms
1pm	Lunch break - lunch is provided - Collect any children from the crèche	
2.00pm	AGM and network news	
2.20pm	In the Beginning ... DCN thirty years ago Olivia & Walter, two of our founders, share the early days of DCN	
2.40pm	When is Counselling Valuable? Counsellor Jennie Hunt, who has over 20 years' experience in fertility counselling	
3.10pm	Comfort break	
3.20pm	2023 - Managing Expectations In Autumn 2023 the first people conceived after the law change in 2005 will turn 18 and have the possibility of getting identifying information about the donor. This session includes a presentation by Danya Harris, Donor Information Manager at the HFEA, on how the process of opening the register will work. Then we will have a presentation for those conceived outside that framework (for example, pre-2005 or abroad).	
3.55pm	Final words	
4pm	30th anniversary cake to celebrate	
4.30pm	Creche closes	
5pm	Finish	

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