

Moving into Adulthood



Reduced Price
for Parent
Carers

Tues. 4th November 2014

9.30am-4.30pm

**The Kassam Stadium, Grenoble Rd,
Oxford, OX4 4XP**

Planning for the future with young disabled people can be a stressful time for families. To add to this we are currently in a time of major changes in all services, with new legislation and policies. This event will provide an opportunity for parents and professionals to hear about these changes and what they mean for young people moving into adult life and their families.

The event will consist of a conference, with expert speakers and presentations on key issues such as:

- **The law**
- **Housing**
- **Employment**
- **Support planning**
- **SEN & Disabilities reforms (including what's happening locally)**

In the breaks there will be an opportunity to visit the exhibition, with stall holders from a range of different organisations and service providers



Booking rates: Professionals: £65.00, Parents/Family Carers: £15.00.

(Includes lunch) Concessionary rates are also available – please contact us

For more information or to book a place, please contact: gail@oxfsn.org.uk or telephone 01865 890326 – or you can book online on our website www.oxfsn.org.uk

Confirmed Speakers (to date)

We are pleased to announce that **Steve Broach**, Barrister at Monckton Chambers will be our keynote speaker



Steve practices across the broad spectrum of public law. His practice has two main focal areas. Firstly, Steve has particular interest and expertise in the rights of children (in particular disabled children) and disabled adults and others in need of services and support. Steve is co-author of Children in Need: [Local Authority Support for Children and Families](#) (Legal Action Group, 2013) and [Disabled Children: A Legal Handbook](#) (Legal Action Group, 2010). He wrote the chapter on the Independent Safeguarding Authority (now Disclosure and Barring Service) in [Professional Discipline and Healthcare Regulators: A Legal Handbook](#) (Legal Action Group, 2012). Steve was awarded Young Barrister of the Year at the Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Awards 2011.



Kathy Melling

We are delighted to welcome back Kathy Melling. Kathy became the National Employment Lead for Valuing People Now at the Department for Health in 2009, and worked as part of the Valuing Employment Now cross-Government team until it was disbanded. Her most notable achievements in this role include writing and publishing a cross-Government definition and best practice guidelines for supported employment, developing the Valuing People Now employment resource hub, and supporting local areas to develop employment pathways across service and agency boundaries.

Kathy was involved in the establishment of the British Association of Supported Employment where she continues to be an active member of the National Executive Committee. She now works as an independent trainer and consultant, and has been working with LSIS (Learning and Skills Improvement Service) on the introduction of National Occupational Standards for supported employment

Nicola Gitsham, Programme Lead for Preparing for Adulthood is great supporter of OxFSN and we're delighted she's agreed to speak at this event.

The Preparing for Adulthood programme (PfA) is funded by the Department for Education as part of the delivery support for the [SEN and disability reforms](#).

The Preparing for Adulthood programme is delivered by a partnership between the [National Development Team for inclusion](#) and the [Council for Disabled Children](#).

The partnership brings together a wide range of expertise and experience of working with young people and families, at a local and national level and across government, to support young people into adulthood with paid employment, good health, independent living and friends, relationships and community inclusion.

The Preparing for Adulthood team previously worked on key transition programmes including the Transition Support Programme, Valuing People Now, Valuing Employment Now (Getting a Life project, Jobs First, Aspirations for Life and Project Search) and Learning for Living and Work.



Nicola Gitsham



Liz Wilson is a family carer across the generations. Liz grew up with a brother and three cousins with learning disabilities and in her early 20's became auntie to another young chap. Now the mother of a gorgeous 18 year old with Downs Syndrome she has seen many changes over the years and knows firsthand the power of informed and active families to create positive change. Over the last three decades Liz had worked in mediation, advocacy and family leadership with a focus on all things person centred. The one thing that hasn't changed in her lifetime is the love and dedication of families, still both awesome and humbling – but person centred thinking brings a powerful combination of vision and pragmatism that families can use to take their lives forward in an ever changing landscape. Liz is now employed as a **Family Consultant for Dimensions** and also works as an associate for the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) on the Better Lives project.