

**NAVIGATING POST-
DIVORCE CONFLICT WITH
CHILDREN ON BOARD:
SYSTEMIC WORK WITH
PARENTAL ALIENATION**

**AFT London Workshop
with SSoPA Group
Saturday, 25th October, 2014**

PROGRAMME

- 10.00 London AFT
- 10.10 Myrna Gower:
Introductions
- 10.25-11.00 Nick Child:
- 11.00-11.40 Chip
Chimera / Kevin Amey
- 11.40-12.00 COFFEE
- 12.00-12.25 Myrna
Gower
- 12.25-12.50 Roy Mackay
- 12.50-1.00 PM Planning
- 1.00-2.00 LUNCH
- 2.00-3.15 Discussion
groups with presenters.
- 3.15-3.30 TEA
- 3.30-4.30 Plenary and
Panel: with Hamish
Cameron

Anna Gupta was ill and unable to present. Hopefully she will make her contribution available post hoc.

SSOPA: WHAT AND WHO WE ARE

- (A Google Group for the) Systemic Study of Parental Alienation
 - 2012 Roy Mackay, Nick Child, Myrna Gower
 - 2013 Chip Chimera, Anna Gupta, Gareth Morgan, Alison O'Mahony
 - 2014 Gillian Solomon, David Secrett; Kevin Amey

Pre-October 2014, this is the story of who joined SSoPA.

AIMS OF CONFERENCE

- PA – an important international field
 - Ignored in UK until now
- A short packed intro for all involved
 - Loads more to learn after
- Attend to any resistance & “allergy”~
- We’re all learning ... a work in progress
 - Multidisciplinary audience

~ “Allergy” refers to Nick’s term of ignorance, prejudice and active resistance to “PAS” he discovered in 2010 when Roy Mackay referred himself to the FT service in Edinburgh. But first Roy sent Nick a textbook (Amy Baker’s), correctly suspecting Nick needed help to become Roy’s helper! The concern that Nick’s allergy was a wider professional culture led to the workshop at Derby AFT (given by Nick, Roy, and Myrna) in May 2013 and it’s focus on “Why do we dismiss PA?”. In September 2013 at the main AFT UK conference, Chip Chimera was far more bold and effective in her plenary presentation and her well-attended workshop. It looked like the allergy was cured! At the AFT London conference (as elsewhere) the evidence of some resistance continuing perhaps showed most in a general wish that there was a less off-putting term than “alienation”. The search continues! ... I’LL START WITH>>