



FNF BOTH PARENTS MATTER CYMRU



WHAT WE BELIEVE

- Both parents share common responsibilities for the upbringing of children
- Children have the right to maintain direct contact and a meaningful relationship with both parents following divorce or separation unless this would harm the child.
- Fathers and other male carers need targeted support to help them fulfil their responsibilities to their children as they are currently not being reached by existing services.
- Children should be protected from parents who abuse them in any way including physically, emotionally and psychologically. The charity also campaigns for recognition by Governments and professionals of 'Parental Alienation' as a form of emotional abuse of the child.

WHO WE ARE - Trustees

- **Amin Kiddy ACA – Chair, Finance Trustee & Company Secretary**
- **Emma Williams – Family solicitor**
- **Professor John Williams – Professor of Law, Aberystwyth University**
- **Mark Isherwood AM – Shadow Minister for Communities & Housing – Welsh Assembly**
- **Anne O'Regan – Deputy Chair, grandmother and former Trade Union official**

The day to day management of the charity is undertaken by the National Manager, Paul Apreda, who covers the whole of Wales from the charity's offices in Cardiff. Paul can be contacted directly on 07947135864 / paul@fnf-bpm.org.uk

The charity depends upon its network of volunteers across Wales who provide information, support and advice to parents and grandparents facing child contact problems. We are currently developing new training programmes for volunteers and a formal accreditation scheme focussing volunteer effort in three categories -

Emotional Support

Advice

Marketing and Administration

WHAT WE DO

- **Website**

The charity maintains a website that provides information about the key issues faced by our service users eg Family Court disputes etc. www.fnf-bpm.org.uk

- **Face to Face support meetings**

We provide face to face information support and advice to parents and grandparents FREE of charge through a network of 11 monthly support meetings across Wales https://www.fnf-bpm.org.uk/article/support_branches_in_wales-227/index.html As members of Advice UK we provide specific tailored advice and support to parents who face problems irrespective of gender. The charity has professional indemnity insurance to cover the provision of advice by its volunteers when this is undertaken without charge. We are one of only 3 Wales based organisations approved by the DWP for its Help & Support for Separated Families quality mark.

- **Helpline**

We run a Helpline available Monday to Friday 10am to 7pm on **08456 00 4446**

- **Legal Clinics**

We partner with the Law Society's charity Law Works Cymru to provide **FREE** Legal Clinics in 9 locations across Wales with support from local solicitors.

- **Research**

We undertake research on the issues around father's engagement in Wales, as well as collating the experience of our service users who contact us in a variety of ways. Details of our research to map male participation in family support services can be found here: https://www.fnf-bpm.org.uk/article/reports_and_responses_signpost-190/index.html

We are also undertaking a survey of fathers & father figures experience of engaging with family support services – including schools / health etc which individuals can contribute to here https://www.fnf-bpm.org.uk/article/dads_survey-223/index.html

- **Campaigning and lobbying**

We campaign to remove barriers to the positive inclusion of both parents and the wider family in the upbringing of children in Wales. We do so by applying the principles of the UNCRC – enshrined in law through the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011. We emphasize the provisions of Articles 9 and 18 in relation to the wellbeing of children. Our petition to the Welsh Assembly for a Charter for Children and Fathers can be found: <https://www.assemblywales.org/epetition-list-of-signatories.htm>