

Masculinity and Harmful Sexual Behaviour

This forum will explore the relationship between masculinity and harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) in children and young people. Drawing on practice, research, and current social contexts, the session will consider how ideas about masculinity can influence attitudes, behaviours, and relationships, and what this means for assessment, intervention, and support. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on gender-responsive and trauma-informed approaches when working with children and young people who have displayed HSB.

Hosts:

Dr Haley Sneed:

Dr Haley Sneed is CYCJ's Participation Advisor, leading on participation and engagement with children and young people in conflict with the law. She works to ensure that children's voices and lived experiences inform policy, practice, and systems change across youth justice in Scotland.

Haley's background spans youth work, community development, participatory research, and higher education. She has held youth work leadership roles and taught at the University of Glasgow. Haley holds a PhD from the University of Glasgow, an MEd in Adult Education, Community Development, and Youth Work, and an MSc in Academic and Career Advising.

Haley is particularly interested in children's rights, participation, trauma-informed and relational approaches, and creating meaningful opportunities for children and young people to use their lived experience to influence policy and practice.

Carole Murphy:

Carole is a Practice Development Advisor, leading on both the delivery of CYCJ's Postgraduate Certificate on Children and Young People in Conflict with the Law and the Developmental Wellbeing Approach, a trauma-informed, rights-respecting, and relational framework for reducing children and young people's harmful behaviour. She also has a focus on Contextual Safeguarding, measuring outcomes for children and young people, and is a member of the Youth Justice Improvement Board's Data subgroup.

Qualifying as a Chartered Forensic Psychologist in 2013 Carole's experience of working in the justice field is wide-ranging including working as a Senior Psychologist within custodial settings, Manager of Multi-systemic Therapy teams in a children and families setting and as an Academic Supervisor for Forensic Psychologists in Training.

Carole is registered with the HCPC, BPS and is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

