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# Annual Safeguarding Conference

**WEDNESDAY**  
**27**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**09:30-16:30**

This year's SACPA and BSA Annual Safeguarding Conference promises to bring a day packed with expert speakers from a range of disciplines and perspectives who aim to inform, challenge, and invigorate delegates on a range of key and contemporary safeguarding topics and learning.

Addressing key issues from our members, sessions will consider the current safeguarding landscape the conference closes with the awards ceremony for SACPA Annual Safeguarding Awards.

SACPA and BSA will facilitate questions directly from members to our experts throughout the day and encourage delegates to come prepared with questions for our panels.

Training topics will include:

- Keynote address
- Responding to Child-on-Child Abuse
- Working with Affluence
- Gearing up for the impact of AI and Virtual Reality
- Developing safeguarding practice with international families
- Presentation of SACPA Safeguarding Awards 2023-24.

Learning outcomes:

- Delegates will be updated about the latest trends and where their focus should be in the immediate future
- Delegates will be updated on what works in responding to child-on-child abuse
- Delegates will consider the impact of power relations on safeguarding practice in fee paying schools and what this means for the lived experience of affluent children living in neglectful circumstances
- Delegates will understand how the Virtual Reality Risks Against Children videos for children and toolkit for safeguarding leads in schools can be incorporated into the preventative education offer and help children navigate virtual worlds more safely.
- Delegates will benefit from the experience of leaders working with international families and how safeguarding practice has developed to improve outcomes for children
- Delegates will have the opportunity to celebrate with runners up and winners of the SACPA Annual Safeguarding Awards



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Wednesday, November 27 2024

SESSION

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09:30 – 10:15 **Keynote Address**

Chair: David Walker, Executive Director, Boarding and Director BSA/TIOB

- Karl Hopwood, E-safety Expert

*In our keynote session SACPA and BSA Safeguarding and Child Protection advisory board chair reviews current trends in safeguarding practise. What are the key themes, what can we expect in the near future, and what should we planning to address right now.*

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10:15 – 11:15 **Responding to Child-on-Child Abuse – Panel Discussion**

Chair: David Smellie, Head of Safeguarding Unit, Farrer & Co

- Simon Hill, Deputy Head, Christ College Brecon
- Clare McDonnell, Safeguarding Lead, Fettes College
- Delyth Lynch, Director of Safeguarding, Wellington College
- Simon Cane-Hardy, Head, Gordonstoun

*Settings for children have been implementing child-on-child abuse practice for some time. In this session our panel members discuss the challenges, lessons learned and innovative practice responses to this complex area of safeguarding practice.*

11:15 – 11:45 **BREAK**

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11:45 – 12:45 **Working with Affluence**

Chair: Claire Dan, SACPA and Director of Safeguarding, BSA Group

- Professor Claudia Barnard, Professor of Social Work, Goldsmiths University of London

*In this session our speaker presents findings of what we know about working with affluence. How may power relations impact the delivery of safeguarding practise in fee paying schools and what does this mean for thresholds, and the lived experience of affluent children living in neglectful circumstances.*

12:45 – 13:30 **LUNCH**

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13:30 – 14:30 **Children Playing in Virtual Reality: reviewing the VIRAAC toolkit and resources**

Chair: Claire Dan, SACPA and Director of Safeguarding, BSA Group

- Chris MacInnis, Safeguarding and Mental Health Lead, Ardingly College
- Bronwyn Kidd, Deputy Head, St Neot's Preparatory School
- Georgina Sayers, Assistant Head Pastoral and Wellbeing, Ardingly College
- Elena Matellozzo, Associate Professor in Criminology, Associate Director, Centre for Child Abuse and Trauma Studies (CATS), Middlesex University
- Paula Bradbury, Criminology and Policing Practice Lecturer, University of Middlesex

*In this session our speaker explains the background to the Virtual Reality Risks Against Children Project, it's published findings, the resource and toolkits that result from the project. Our panel of child and adult reviewers will then give their views on using the toolkit and resources.*

14:30 – 14:45 **BREAK**

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14:45 – 15:30 **Developing Safeguarding Practice with International Families**

Chair: Bethan Hudson, Executive Director Specialist Services and Director, BAISIS, BSA Group

- Mario Di Clemente, Education Consultant
- Suchita Prakash, DSL and Deputy Head (Pastoral), Mill Hill International

*Working with international families, their understanding of safeguarding in the UK and the backdrop of practitioners cultural competence, and family cultural expectations creates a complex safeguarding context in which the child can very easily be lost. Our speakers summarise the key issues for safeguarding practitioners, and describe how thier safeguarding practice with international families has developed and improved outcomes of children.*

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15:30 – 16:00 **Conference close and presentation of SACPA Safeguarding Awards 2023-24**

Chair: Claire Dan, SACPA and Director of Safeguarding, BSA Group

- Dale Wilkins, Executive Director, Scotland/Wales and Accredited/Compliance

*Join SACPA to celebrate the success and achievement for children and adults. We announce the organisations and safeguarding professionals who have been recognised for achieving excellence in safeguarding this year and are winners and runners up of the SACPA Annual Safeguarding Award.*

16:00 **CONFERENCE CLOSE**



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