

- 9.30 am      **Registration, resource stands and coffee**
- 10.30 am     **Welcome and introduction by the Chair**
- 10.45 am     **What does the research tell us?**  
Ian Sinclair, Professor and Co-director, Social Work Research and Development Unit, University of York and author of *Fostering now: Messages from research*
- 11.30 am     **Translating the research into practical materials**  
Colleagues from research in practice
- 11.45 am     **Comfort break**
- 12.00 noon   **SCIE's practice guide on fostering**  
Mary Sainsbury, Practice Development Manager, Social Care Institute for Excellence
- 12.30 pm     **Learning from the research: supporting and promoting foster care**  
A joint presentation by Fostering Network and British Association for Adoption and Fostering
- 1.00 pm      **Lunch and resource stands**
- 2.10 pm      **Messages from young people in care**
- 2.40 pm      **What helps support change? Lessons from the DfES Looked After Children Taskforce**  
Doug Lawson, Senior Manager (Family & Youth), Cheshire County Council, Seconded to the Looked After Children Taskforce
- 3.05 pm      **How to make the changes: discussion groups**
- 3.30 pm      **Foster carers speaking: what makes for good fostering**
- 3.45 pm      **Closing remarks**