



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 – Welsh Assembly Member for North Wales**
- **Anne O'Regan – Deputy Chair, grandmother and former Trade Union official**
- **Lynne Blore – grandmother and retired DWP 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 providing 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 The charity has

professional indemnity insurance to cover the provision of advice by its volunteers when this is undertaken without charge.

Helpline - available Monday to Friday 10am to 7pm

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

DV support service for men experiencing child contact problems – including assessment using the SafeLives Risk Indicator Checklist and safety planning using Motivational Interviewing techniques.

Provide the secretariat for Welsh Assembly Cross Party Group on fatherhood

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

Campaigning and lobbying We campaign to help children have both parents in their life in a positive way. We use the principles of the UNCRC especially Articles 9.3 and 18.1 The UNCRC is part of domestic law in Wales. Our priorities include:

Recognition of Parental Alienation by Welsh Government services

Strategy for male victims of Domestic Violence and Abuse grounded in their experience

Adopting a non-adversarial framework for resolution of child contact disputes

Implementation of compulsory joint birth registration under Welfare Reform Act 2009

Campaign for fairness for Paying Parents of Child Maintenance so that no-one who is earning less than the Income Tax threshold should be compelled to pay money by Government action.