**Programme for Children’s Voices in Family Separation**

**12 June 2025**

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| **Timings** | **Item** |
| 09:30 – 09:35 | **Jo O’Sullivan**, Chair: Welcome |
| 09.35 – 09.50 | **President of Family Division**: Introduction to the conference |
| 09:50 – 10:10 | **Dr Jan Ewing**: Children’s rights and research evidence. |
|  | *Children’s Voices* |
| 10:15 - 10:35 | **Ms Justice Harris**: PD 12B and Part 3 responsibilities; Voice of the child in NCDR |
|  | *Children’s Voices* |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | **Tom Brownrigg** and **Helen Adam**:  NCDR direction from court to hear voice of the child in CIM.  Distinction for the child between CIM and meeting with Cafcass. |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | BREAK |
|  | **Poll** |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | **Beverley Sayers** : Introduction to Child Inclusive Mediation.  Protocol for solicitors to arrange CIM in matters handled out of court, in NCDR.  “Voice of the Child” – what it is and what it is not. |
| 11.45 – 11.55 | *Parents and children’s experiences of CIM* |
| 11:55 – 12:15 | Breakout rooms: Group discussion about CIM and protocol for solicitors |
| 12:15 – 12:35 | **Jo O’Sullivan:**  Feedback from break-out rooms; Q&A |
| 12:35 – 12:55 | **Louisa Whitney** and **Helen Pittard**:  Practical top tips to incorporate into everyday practice. |
|  | **Poll** |
| 12:55 – 13:00 | **Jo O’Sullivan**: Concluding comments. |