

Children's Evidence in Legal Proceedings

University of Cambridge
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Thursday 14th April 2011
10 am – 5 pm

Summary:

The conference will examine, in particular, the methods by which the evidence of young children is delivered to the courts, and how far their evidence then can and should be tested. In England and Wales this has long been a thorny issue in criminal proceedings. An important decision of the Supreme Court in 2010 now means that it is potentially an issue in civil proceedings too. The conference will bring together speakers from a number of other legal systems, including some in other parts of the common law world, to tell us how the issues are managed there.

The conference is sponsored by the Nuffield Foundation, the Metropolitan Police, the Cambridge Centre for Legal Studies, and the Law Faculty (John Hall Fund).

Organisers:

Professor J.R. Spencer, QC (Law)
Professor M Lamb (Psychology)

Programme:

Professor John Spencer:

"Timelines and Delay in British Courts"

Dr Emily Henderson (NZ):

"Obtaining Children's Evidence in other Jurisdictions – An Overview"

Judge Hal Jackson (Western Australia):

"Child Witnesses in Western Australia"

Professor Dr Verena Murschetz (Austria):

"Child Witnesses in Austria"

Dr Trond Myklebust (Norwegian Police College):

"Child Witnesses in Norway"

General Discussion

To Register:

Registration fee: £50

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