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# LE CAFÉ

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**4.15pm, Thursday 17 October 2019**

In this discussion-based session you'll find innovative practitioners keen to share their experience and useful tips. This session is divided into two slots of 40 minutes each. Registration for the café session will be available at the conference registration desk.

On arrival at the conference please put your name down for one table in each session. The choices for the tables are listed below and you should only sign up for one slot for each session. Further instructions will be given at the start of the session.

**How can we stop the journey to parental conflict?..... Table 1**

**Adele Ballantyne, Relationship Therapist (Elda Consultancy); Maura Mckibbin, Family Lawyer (Collaborative Lawyer & Mediator); Marc Etherington, Family Lawyer (Senior Associate at Turner Nicholson, YRes committee member & Collaborative Lawyer)**

The Parenting Apart Parting Committee considers the topic of parental conflict. This interactive conversational session will explore the emotions expressed by parents following separation and how that can either promote or prevent co-parenting. We will further consider the voice of child and how their views can be interpreted by their parents. This lively and energetic session will also include opportunities for discussion about early intervention and the resources available to practitioners to support parents to ensure they follow the right path for the best interest of their children.

**Shaping the future of mediation accreditation (and helping you navigate the current process)..... Table 2**

**Tim Whitney and Karen Barham**

Tim Whitney, Resolution's representative on the FMC Review of Accreditation, and Karen Barham, PPC and Accredited Mediator, will guide you through the recent changes to the FMC Accreditation process, offer helpful tips and answer any questions for those working towards accreditation, and discuss future changes you would like to see to the Accreditation process as part of the FMC review.

**The Resolution Code in your DR practice – how to analyse clients and influence them ..... Table 3**

**Elaine Richardson**

Elaine Richardson, this year's John Cornwell Award winner, examines how the Resolution Code can be used to your advantage and benefit your DR practice. We will focus on evaluating the state of mind of our clients and hone our listening skills. The presentation is supported by tried and tested resources, some science, personal stories, philosophy (ancient and modern), psychotherapy, audience participation and a modicum of music.

**Listening with confidence** ..... **Table 4**

**Margaret Kelly, Divorce and Collaborative Family Lawyer Mediator and Arbitrator of Ketley Miller Joels; Mary Raymont, Family lawyer and Mediator, Advantage Mediation Ltd**

Do you find yourself in meetings sometimes going through the motions, distracted by technology and not really being present for your clients and colleagues? Do you answer the phone and come away from the call feeling that didn't really get to the bottom of what your client wanted or in fact weren't really listening to much of what was said, even though you were taking notes? Do you ever hear clients complain that they are not being listened to? Can this be said about you? If you are interested in practicing active listening and identifying and developing empathy this session is for you. This is an interactive session sharing practical tips and exchanging knowledge about how to listen with confidence.

**Working better together** ..... **Table 5**

**Alison Bull and Sue Brookes**

Join Alison and Sue from the Mills & Reeve family team to consider:

- How lawyers and mediators work together now (or not?!), using the family mediation model and the "lawyer-assisted" (civil/commercial) model
- How we can become much better at working together to help our clients and ourselves
- The challenges and potential solutions

Alison Bull is an accredited family and civil/commercial mediator, PPC, child-inclusive mediator and collaborative practitioner. Sue Brookes is a family mediator and collaborative practitioner, and responsible for [www.cohabitation-law.co.uk](http://www.cohabitation-law.co.uk).