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Session IV – 10 am CET

International Perspectives on Child Protection in Interagency Cooperation

1. Workshop Organizers

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2. Workshop Description

Laws on multi-professional cooperation in child protection have been implemented in Scotland (Children (Scotland) Act, 1995/2014) as well as in Germany (BKisSchG, 2012). With the German Federal Child Protection Act (Bundeskinderschutzgesetz, BKisSchG) in 2012 a nationwide milestone in cross-institutional cooperation and networking in child protection has been established (see Paragraph 1 § 3 KKG), in which schools are involved (see Paragraph 2 § 3 KKG). For the first time, teachers are responsible partners in the interagency-system of child protection – despite their lack of qualification. In Scotland, cooperation and collaboration in child protection is provided by government work guides and their implementation is monitored.

In this workshop we will illustrate network structures for child protection due to the legal situation in Scotland and Lower Saxony. After a short break we will present our joint Scottish-German research project “Child-Wellbeing: International Cooperation”, which key feature is a comparison between the institutional and personal framework for multi-professional and cross-case cooperation in both countries.

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3. Programme

(The times of the programme items are indicated in CET.)

10:00 am Welcoming Addresses

Prof. Dr. Jane Callaghan, *University of Stirling*

M.Ed. Kristin Balbach, *Leibniz University of Hanover*

10:15 am Network Structures to Safeguard the Welfare of Children and Young People in Scotland

Prof. Dr. Jane Callaghan, *University of Stirling*

Network structures to safeguard the welfare of children and young people in Lower Saxony

M.Ed. Kristin Balbach, *Leibniz University of Hanover*

10:50 am Coffee Break

11:05 am Scottish-German research project “Child-Wellbeing: International Cooperation”

M.Ed. Kristin Balbach, *Leibniz University of Hanover*

11:25 am Discussion

11:55 am Closing

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