

INVITATION TO THE AMBER PROJECT - CHILD ABUSE LINKED TO FAITH AND BELIEF WEBINAR:

Tuesday 22nd September 10:30 – 12:30 pm

(Q&A at end of session with facilitators)

THE AMBER PROJECT



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The Amber Project is a joint pilot partnership with the London Borough of Redbridge Out of Schools Settings Team, the Metropolitan Police Service (Honour, Belief and Sex team), Dr Lisa Oakley, National Working Group for Abuse Linked to Witchcraft and Spirit Possession (NWG ALWSP) and Dr Naomi Richman (University of Cambridge).

Did you know that witchcraft and spirit-possession related child abuse can result in considerable harm? Would you be able to identify this kind of abuse? Would you be confident recognising signs and indicators? Have you had any training on this topic?

The aim of this webinar is to enhance the response to child abuse linked to witchcraft & spirit possession (ALWSP)

Topics covered in this webinar include:

Identifying vulnerability and cases of abuse | Actions you can take |
Referrals of witchcraft and spirit possession related abuse | how to make and manage referrals effectively |
Q&A from facilitators

Please circulate. Thank you.

Speaker profile:

Inspector Allen Davis is the MPS operational lead for Harmful Practices (FGM, Forced Marriage, HBA and Abuse Linked to Faith and Belief) and works at both a National and International level on these issues. He joined the Met in 1996. He also leads on Chemsex and Sex Work and also has an extensive background working with Schools and Education. He established (and is now Chair of the Board of Trustees) of the Charity 'Growing Against Violence' which seeks to prevent youth violence and protect young people against exploitation by gangs and grooming both on the streets and online. He is also Deputy Chair of the National Working Group on abuse linked to Witchcraft and Spirit Possession

Dr. Lisa Oakley is an associate professor in psychology at the University of Chester and the chair of the National working group on Abuse linked to Witchcraft and Spirit Possession. She is also chair of the task and finish group at the Church of England on spiritual abuse. She was part of a team who researched frontline practitioner and community awareness of child abuse linked to faith and belief. She has spoken nationally and internationally on this topic.

Dr Naomi Richman is a Fellow in anthropology at the University of Cambridge and a member of the National Working Group for Abuse Linked to Witchcraft and Spirit Possession. She has been a Postdoctoral researcher for the Wellcome Trust funded project on brainwashing, 'Hidden Persuaders', at Birkbeck College, University of London. Naomi has also worked as a teacher at a secondary school in London and worked extensively with the Met Police on faith-related abuse.

Detective Sergeant Kate Bridger has worked within child abuse and child protection since 2001, managing and investigating serious crimes committed against children. After 4 years investigating high profile child murders, she managed a joint Met Police and Border Force team covering London's ports, tackling international child trafficking, slavery and safeguarding. Kate is a specialist interviewer of children and Tier 5 interview advisor, a Met Police cultural advisor in relation to Southern Africa practices and traditions, fluent in Nyanja and Chichewa and a qualified safari guide.

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