

Family Justice Council: Student Seminar

Panel on Neurodiversity in the Family Justice System

18:00-19:15, Monday 26th January 2026, Durham University and via MS Teams

Programme

17:40 Registration for in-person attendees (20 mins)

Seminar starts

18:00 Welcome and Introduction to the Family Justice Council (10 mins)
The Right Honourable Sir Andrew McFarlane
President of the Family Division and Chair of the Family Justice Council

18:10 What it is like to be a member of the FJC and to work in the Family Justice System as a neurodiverse professional (10 mins)
Vinice Cowell (FJC Parent & Families Member, and Co-Chair of the FJC Neurodiversity Working Group)

18:20 FJC Guidance on Neurodiversity in the Family Justice System (15 mins)
Jenny Beck KC (Hon) (FJC Private Law Solicitor Member, and Co-Chair of the FJC Neurodiversity Working Group)

18:35 The International Human Rights Framework and the right to a fair trial (10 mins)
Dr Dafni Lima (Assistant Professor in Family Law, Durham Law School)

18:45 What can students take from the FJC Guidance? Implications as future lawyers (10 mins)
Dr Katherine Langley (Assistant Professor in Criminal Law, Durham Law School)

18:55 Q&A (20 mins)

Seminar ends

19:15 Drinks Reception (*for in-person attendees only*) (45 mins)

Other Information

The presentations will be recorded. The Q&A will not be recorded. **Please do not make your own recordings of the event.**

Q&A

The Q&A will be an opportunity to ask any panel members a question relating to their presentation.

For in-person attendees, please raise your hand to ask a question via the roving microphone.

For the online audience, please use the Q&A function in Teams. Your questions, if selected, will be read out by a member of the team in the room.