Adoption Panel
Members

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“I have worked with children for more than 40 years, mostly in London. I have always wanted to do what I can to support parents but I have also tried to ensure every child has the best possible childhood experience. Much of my work has been with children in care and about finding alternative families for them. For some children, being placed with another family is best for them. Adoption can provide some of them with a permanent new family and new opportunities to have a stable and loving family life. I am married and we have three children. They are all working and starting to have their own children. We now live in the country and have a variety of different animals. Before we moved, I lived in London for 30 years”.
I spent most of my career working for a Local Housing Authority, mainly working with families who were in significant social and housing need. This also involved working with refugees, asylum seekers and young people leaving care. I was adopted in the mid 1950’s by loving parents who had already adopted a little boy, two years older than me, who became my brother. As an adult my ‘family’ and child experience included co-parenting my (female) partner’s daughter and, through tragic circumstances, being very involved with my nephew’s upbringing when he was a toddler. They have both grown up and have families of their own and we no longer all live together, but we have maintained very close, caring relationships and as a result I know that different styles of family do work.
Sarah Acheson
Independent Panel Member

Sarah is a semi-retired social worker and she has worked in local authority and voluntary adoption services for more than 30 years. She has a particular interest in effective adoption support, having worked with adoptive families for much of her career. Sarah is also Vice Chair of a local authority adoption panel, so she is involved in making recommendations about children. Outside work, Sarah enjoys family life, travelling and gardening.
Jeffrey is a social worker whose particular involvement with adoption dates from 1999 when he began work for a national adoption charity, first as director of its Southern England team, and then as a director of special adoption/fostering and international projects. He says his ‘real world’ knowledge of parenting probably started in earnest only in 2003 when he and his wife had their daughter, now nearly 14. He regards adopters as a very precious resource, and adoption as a very positive outcome for children who cannot live with their families and he welcomes the greater attention now being paid to adoption support. Jeffrey has a history degree and he is a tennis fan.
Ana Dauwalla
Independent Panel Member

Ana joined the PACT panel in April 2019. She has worked previously in international companies in the field of Company Secretariat, Legal, Operations and Property.

Ana has been the Lead Parent of Great Ormond Street Hospital, (IBD), for a number of years and is passionate about sharing best practices to promote the welfare, safety, educational achievement and individual needs of children from all walks of life!

Ana loves to travel, cook and enjoys helping her clients to lose weight and get health!
Chris worked for PACT as a social worker and practice manager for 11 years until July 2013. During her time with PACT she carried out a wide range of adoption and fostering duties. Latterly she headed up PACT’s Placement Support Team and was responsible for the development of the FACTS therapeutic service. Chris has a passionate commitment to ensuring that adopted and foster children and families receive positive support to ensure successful placements. Chris currently carries out a range of contract work for PACT. She has parented three step children and one birth daughter.
Carol Jenkins
Independent Panel Member

Carol has worked as a Social Worker and Team Manager in Children’s Services in Milton Keynes, West Sussex and Surrey. She has knowledge and experience of developing and implementing permanence plans for children. Most recently Carol managed the West Sussex Adoption Support Team which has provided her with enhanced insight into the needs of adopted children and young people and their adoptive and birth families.
Emma Johnson
Senior Social Worker

Emma is a PACT Social Worker who thoroughly enjoys supporting adopters through all stages of the adoption process and especially when children first arrive and everyone is adjusting to family life. Before working for PACT Emma worked for 14 years in a local authority primarily in safeguarding work with children and their parents and this gives her valuable understanding of children’s experiences before they become part of adoptive families. Emma is mum to three energetic boys and as a family they enjoy bike riding, walking, going to see shows and supporting their local ice hockey team.
Elaine is a mother of one - a daughter who she became a foster carer to 23 years ago. Elaine enjoys spending time with her family, particularly the younger members attending museums, the theatre, cinema or the outdoors enjoying the fresh air. Elaine and her daughter have travelled extensively and enjoy any opportunity to visit a new country and to explore new cultures. When not working as a Career Coach, Elaine is a Mentor at University and also a Trustee on a Carers Centre board based in the Midlands.
Claire Moatti
Independent Panel Member

Claire has more than 30 year’s social work experience working with children and families. She is also a play therapist, who works with children in transition. Claire's main interests are reading, writing short stories and singing.
Rita Newman
Independent Panel Member

Rita, a social worker for many years, has a background in children and families and adult mental health. She has worked as a service manager for the local authority and more latterly as a NHS Director. She has also worked in Education and in the private sector.

Rita very much enjoys being a member of the PACT panel and looks forward to meeting you.
Rosie Peart
Independent Panel Member

Rosie is a qualified social worker with more than 30 years’ experience, working for many years in child protection, training and more recently, with looked after children, as an Independent Reviewing Officer. Rosie’s current role involves reviewing children in the care system where, for some, adoption is their plan. Rosie is an adoptee and has experienced the journey of meeting her birth family when, as an adult, she met her birth mother, full and half siblings. This was a positive experience for Rosie, but she says her adoptive family will always be “her family”. Rosie is a fan of rugby and cricket and she lived and worked for several years in New Zealand.
Sue Pickerill
Independent Panel Member and Adoptive Parent

Sue is a mother to two beautiful little girls who came to live with her when she completed her family through adoption, two years ago. Sue is part of a two mum family and life is very busy, but full of fun and laughter. Sue is a teacher and she also works for the health service.
Kamna Pruvost
Independent Panel Member and Adoptive Parent

An adoptive parent herself, Kamna has experience and knowledge of international adoption and has worked for a short time at Adoption UK. Kamna has a background in science and the voluntary sector. She has worked for Oxfam for several years and subsequently she is a Programme Manager at the University of Oxford, where she was responsible for trans-European science projects. She is currently a freelance consultant.
Lorna Ramsey
Social Worker

“Hello and welcome to PACT. I am a senior social worker based at the PACT London Office and I have been a social worker for more than 30 years. I have experience in family placement work and have spent the last 22 years of my career specialising in adoption. Adoption also features significantly in my personal life as I have two cousins who are now adults who were placed as children with a family member under a Special Guardianship Order when their mother sadly died; and I am also the proud godmother to a goddaughter who is now nine years old and who was adopted by a close friend who is a single adopter when she was two years old. I have therefore, had the privilege of seeing the impact of adoption from many perspectives. When I can break myself away from the love of my work, I am a busy mum of three birth children and I look forward to taking time out for myself along the way, to the gym and walking the dog.”
Nick worked for an independent fostering agency for nine years and had regular contact with all staff members, directors, social workers and local authorities as well as the foster carers and young people. He is a musician and producer. Nick is very happy to be part of the PACT Panel to continue his commitment to promoting diversity and to contribute to young people having the best opportunities in life.
Maxine Slade
Independent Panel Member

“I joined the PACT Adoption Panel in April 2019, having retired from a life long career in education in December 2016. In recent years, I held the post of Virtual School Headteacher in a Local Authority. This meant that I was responsible for ensuring that children and young people in the care system were experiencing the best education possible. In this role, I also worked with adopters and prospective adopters in supporting them in choosing schools and providing information, support and guidance if needed.

In my spare time, I enjoy travel to far flung places, scuba diving and running ( albeit slowly!)”
Pauline Smith
Independent Panel Member

“I have been a social worker for the past 20 years and I have experience with children and families and I have spent the last 13 years in the adoption and fostering team of a local authority. I have two children, a son (40) and a daughter (23) and I live in greater London. I enjoy travelling and reading, especially biographies”. 
Sarah Stollard
Panel Adviser

Sarah has been a social worker for nearly thirty years, and worked for half that time in local authority in child protection. She then left to become independent, carrying out PARS and parenting assessments for the court. In addition she has been, and still is, a Children’s Guardian working for the last fifteen years for CAFCASS representing children in court proceedings and frequently making recommendations about where children should be permanently placed. In this role she meets lots of children, which she regards as a lovely side to the work.

Sarah lives in London with her husband, daughter and dog and also has two great stepsons who are frequent visitors.
Hayley Clarke
Panel Administrator

Hayley joined PACT as Panel Administrator in March 2019. She previously worked for the civil service in the Agricultural Department and currently acts as clerk to the school governors of a local Infant School. When not at work Hayley enjoys time with her young family, Reading and DIY.
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