

## CONFERENCE

TUESDAY  
29  
APRIL 2025  
09:30-16:30

# Safeguarding international students

### COURSE OUTLINE

International students, by default of living and studying away from their home and network, are vulnerable. Safeguarding international students therefore warrants additional focus and dedication. This conference brings together expert speakers with specialist knowledge and experience who work with international students to inform and support colleagues managing safeguarding and welfare in international educational contexts and communities. The programme will offer focus areas relevant to practitioners in this area including mental health, cultural variations, navigating technology and online communication, compliance, multi-agency collaboration and leadership. Questions from members will be facilitated throughout the conference and delegates are encouraged to come prepared with questions for our experts.



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<b>SESSION</b> <b>1</b>	<b>09:30 – 10:15</b>	<b>Cultural Variations</b> Chair: Claire Dan, Director of Safeguarding and Director, SACPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Melanie Bloor-Black, Deputy Head (Pastoral), Yehudi Menuhin School</li><li>• Jeremy Kerlake, Vice-Principal (Pastoral) and Designated Safeguarding Lead, Concord College</li><li>• Donny McCormick, Director &amp; Principal Consultant, Safeguarding HE</li></ul> <p><i>This day-to-day subject can have significant safeguarding implications when poorly managed and considered. Our panel of speakers will consider how best to recognise and accommodate reasonable cultural variations in a diverse community, mediate between significant cultural differences and prepare young people for their next transition and organisational culture shift.</i></p>
	<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION</b> <b>2</b>	<b>10:30 – 11:30</b>	<b>Working with guardians, host families and home stay providers – what happens when there's an issue</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Claire Dan, Director of Safeguarding and Director, SACPA</li></ul> <p><i>This session will consider the responsibility of schools and schools with sponsor licences regarding oversight of educational guardian arrangements and practice. Considering information-sharing, allegations management and due diligence, we will discuss how schools can be prepared for when things might go wrong.</i></p>
	<b>11:30 – 11:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION</b> <b>3</b>	<b>11:45 – 12:30</b>	<b>Compliance / Leadership – Visa and immigration concerns</b> Chair: Beth Hudson, Executive Director, Consultancy and Director, BAISIS/HIEDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kate Hollyer, Executive Director, Legal, BSA Group</li></ul> <p><i>V&amp;I update, links to welfare, best practice recommendations around guardianship and increased scrutiny in this important area.</i></p>
	<b>12:30 -13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION</b> <b>4</b>	<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>Online Safety: Everyone's Responsibility</b> Chair: Claire Dan, Director of Safeguarding and Director, SACPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Andy Phippen, Professor of IT, Ethics and Digital Rights, Bournemouth University</li></ul> <p><i>This session challenges the current narrative of our responses to online safety. Drawing on the empirical international evidence-base and over 20 years of speaking directly to children as part of empirical research. Professor Andy Phippen identifies holistic approaches from around the world.</i></p>
	<b>14:30 – 14:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION</b> <b>5</b>	<b>14:45 – 16:15</b>	<b>Workshop and facilitated discussion</b> Chair: Beth Hudson, Executive Director, Consultancy and Director, BAISIS/HIEDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ed Poynter, Deputy Head Pastoral, Charterhouse School</li><li>• Leanne Rowlands, Assistant Head, Pastoral &amp; Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Charterhouse School</li><li>• M Jolly, Director of Wellbeing and Inclusion, Charterhouse School</li></ul> <p><i>Do your international students know about your safeguarding policy and their right to a safe and happy time in your care? Is this information readily accessible and highlighted to them? This session will consider how we can equip students with the knowledge and understanding of safeguarding to empower them as they engage with their education, extra-curricular activities and life in the wider community.</i></p>
	<b>16:15</b>	<b>Conference close</b>

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