



TRAINING AND SEMINARS

Diversity and Difference

Beyond Black Lives Matter

Wellbeing Wealth

'When talking about impact, outcome, action Joy brings all of this and more! Her passion presented through her lived experience truly energises her audience and captures hearts and minds. Joy is refreshing and compelling and a true champion of how society tackles oppression, and inclusion'

Simon Homes, Principal Social Worker Chair,
Community Well Being and Social Care Directorate,
Isle of Wight Council



Seminars & Training

For conferences, teams and training days
Sessions or talks can range from
30 minutes to a full day



'You have so much wisdom – I know you have had to grow it through lots of troubled times – but sometimes or usually that is the strongest way'

Amy Weir

Beyond Black Lives Matter is designed to help social workers and organisations develop better communications around race and inclusion. We explore the limitations & challenges of language when engaging with people of different ethnicities other than our own. What is the science behind racism and trauma and how can science help us develop better outcomes for families? We look at transracial adoption, placements, birth story work and we provide a platform for professionals to share their knowledge and develop creative ways to help young people uncover their cultural identity.

All seminars come with pre-course reading, an interactive powerpoint presentation, slides for all attendees, notes and post-seminar reading.

“Joy delivered a really helpful workshop that gave the group so much food for thought. Joy has a very positive attitude, and is very generous in sharing her own personal experiences. The reading/watching list was also really helpful. The session really flew by and there was so much more to say!”

Jan Cleave, SWAC Co-ordinator, South West Adoption Consortium

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'I LOVE THIS PRESENTATION! This for me has been the best part of the day.

Your experience of emotions and trauma are so relatable'

Sarah Range, Principal Social Worker/Head of Adult Mental Health

Adult Social Care Southend

Diversity and Difference is a powerful interactive unifying seminar that's also FUN! Aimed at any team, seminar or conference group that want to expand their understanding about what difference is, means and how to excel through challenging situations. We learn how to re-shape and navigate divisive words and attitudes and how to work and serve others who can culturally oppose us; plus loads more.

Today's world is constantly changing and since the Black Lives Matter movement erupted attitudes and options towards race and culture are constantly recreating new social boundaries that must be addressed. These sessions allows participants to explore best practice, cultural stories and insights to help build and equip the team for a more profitable and productive workplace of respect and inclusion.

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'Super thought provoking'

Rachel Jennings. Social Work strategy and development officer/principal social worker, Wakefield

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Sessions can be live or online using Zoom
Zoom sessions are recorded and available
to view online for 2 weeks on a private link



'I love your slides Joy and how interactive they are'

Hannah Scaife, Principal Social Worker for Adults,
South Gloucestershire Council

Wellbeing Wealth It's been said that our body is the manifestation of our subconscious mind. In this seminar we look at some of the emotional threads that could be the root cause of blockages to good physical and mental health. What does good health actually look like? What is the science behind racism? How can positivity make us well? How can we pass on better wellbeing understanding and techniques to families or teams that we work with? We explore answers and questions in this highly topical seminar.

What's in your 'Wellbeing Toolkit?' I believe everyone should have their own kit ready for action, we explore and expand some powerful and thought provoking wellbeing ideas and discuss 'best practices' that your team already possess because shared wisdom is always fruitful.

This is either a stand alone seminar or combined with both other seminars

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'What a treat to be listening to Joy Carter'

Tanya More, Principal Social Worker, Hertfordshire County Council

Corporate Work Highlights

Principal Social Workers Joint Conference

I am honoured to have been recommended by Simon Homes the Principal Social Worker on the Isle of Wight to present 'Diversity & Difference', for nearly 200 UK delegates

Beyond Black Lives matter & Wellbeing Wealth for Adopters for Adoption

I presented a half day 2-part training session for their UK team, really powerful engagement

Autumn Staff Conference, One Adoption West Yorkshire

Theme: 'Black Lives Matter'. It was great to draw on my BLM seminar and talk about racism in the market place and adoption.

You Can Adopt Campaign

I was asked to write the campaign poem and feature in this highly successful National Campaign with Sinitta and David and Carrie Grant MBE.

You Can Adopt Podcast

"Growing up as an adoptee' I interview 2 young adult adoptees about their adoption challenges, goals and advice.

Social Work England National Advisory Forum

I was honoured to join firstly the 'Experts by Experience' group 2018-2019 and National Advisory Forum in 2020 to help reform social work and best practice issues.

Public Policy Exchange Adoption Symposium

Adoption Arena's team spoke on the future of adoption in the UK. Attended by 200 delegates at the Park Plaza Hotel, Westminster.

Tri Borough Virtual School Conference, 2nd year. SW1

I was honoured to talk on education and adoption and perform a 30-min version of my comedy adoption show.

National Children's and Adults services Conference, Bournemouth

Speaker with Social Work England 2019

Chosen

Edited by Dr Perlita Harris I write an essay along with 50 other transracial adoptees about our life journey.

Comics 4 Adoption

Started in 2013 saw us bring together top UK comedians who have all been either adopted/fostered, this year we explore the NAW theme of 'The Adopter' and communicate our individual stories through some seriously funny comedy

Westminster Celebration of Achievement

Westminster City Council, Tate Modern. Attended by the Lord Mayor of Westminster . I hosted & performed a special 30-minute Comedy adoption show for 150 adults, young people and children (as young as 5) to celebrate the young peoples achievements of fostered and looked after children.

Aspects of Joy

This was my comedy adoption debut show that I took to the Edinburgh Fringe in 2015. It led to a National Tour and development of the production to the current show 'Spot the Difference'

Nottingham Trent University

I present a 30-minute version of my 1hr comedy adoption show and talk to social science students, faculty and general public about adoption advocacy in the UK and and social reforms

Goldsmiths University Celebration for Dr Perlita Harris

The event recognised the exceptional life changing work and contribution to Social Work over her many years of service.

Camden Fringe comedy Adoption show 'Spot the Difference'

I debut the show to sell-out performances and much media interest

The Cornerstone Partnership, Adoption AGM.

I perform a 45 minute comedy adoption show and give a 15 minute talk with questions about my adoption experience

“an outstanding public speaker who was able to bring a unique combination of warmth, wisdom, personal experience and edgy observational humour to the complex subject of transracial adoption”

Joan Fletcher Head of Social Work,
Department of Social, Therapeutic and
Community Studies, Goldsmiths
University



Media Work

Highlights

BBC News24 overseas adoption interview

With Jane Hill and Dr John Simmonds CoramBAAF. Discussion on overseas adoption

BBC Breakfast

Discussion on adoption and race UK changes in 2012 with Ian Holmes, BAAF. Watch from 1.43 mins.

ITV News. interview with Nina Nannar

We discuss the celebrity 'Cherry picking' of children debate, ethical & cultural implications. Nina is also from my home town of Scunthorpe in Lincolnshire, off camera we chat chips and gravy!

Channel 4 News with Jon Snow

Discussion on the 2012 changes to adoption legislation in the UK

BBC World Service Radio 'Outsource'

Interview with Kira Fomenko discussing a moving Canadian adoption story that went viral and my own experiences.

BBC World News 'Focus on Africa' with Komla Dumor

I discuss overseas adoption, Africa and my advocacy work.

Times Radio, Mariella Frostop

We discuss the new You Can Adopt Campaign and why it's important to bust myths and encourage adoption diversity.

Adoption Today magazine

For the October 2020 issue write an article about transracial adoption and BAME families.

BBC Africa's Podcast 'The Comb'

I joined Kim Chakanetsa to discuss overseas adoption, complexity and the loss of cultural identity.

Newsnight

I joined a panel to discuss UK race issues and pre-BLM incident with Jade Goody from the 1st Celebrity Big Brother. *I advocate race & adoption

BBC London 94.4 'The Gabby Roslin Show

I often joined the news review slot, but in November I was asked to talk about my comedy and adoption work

Guilford Fringe – Featured show

'Spot the Difference' Comedy Adoption show was featured at the Guilford Fringe in 2015. During my UK Tour 2015-2017

BBC Radio Surrey interview

With Mark Carter about my Guilford Fringe Festival show debut with comedy adoption show 'Spot the Difference'

BBC5 Live interview with Sam Walker

We discuss the personal cost of adoption regarding parents and young people.

The Camden Fringe 2016: Top Picks, Spot the Difference is featured.

'Spot the Difference' Comedy Adoption show was featured at the Camden Fringe to as a 'must see' show.

BBC 5Live

We discuss pop icon Madonna's first overseas adoption and the controversy surrounding the report

SKY NEWS overseas adoption

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BBC5 Live

Interview about Sikh adoption case, that later they went onto win.

'She mines a rich seam of Gold'

Lemn Sissay OBE, Poet, Playright, broadcaster, speaker



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Purposeful passion

To support, educate and empower those in the adoption field

Train, learn and grow

Using our partnerships, online platforms, communities and media relationships we reach and engage into new areas of culture & society

Build Future

Excellence is built. We are committed to working with individuals & organisations to pioneer change