

# BLACK BOYS, BLACK MEN, BLACK FATHERS: BEYOND THE HEADLINES

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**Friday 8 February 2008**

Tavistock Centre, London

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**Fee** £150 (£90 for voluntary sector and students)

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A conference for those wanting to learn from good practice and to explore and develop their understanding and improve their work with black boys, men and fathers.

Most of the 19 teenagers killed in London this year have been young black men. As these incidents indicate, black males are disproportionately represented in terms of being victims of crime. Black males also suffer disproportionately from a range of other problems such as school exclusions, academic underachievement, mental health problems and as suspects and inmates within the criminal justice system.

How do we begin to think about these interrelated issues? How do we go beyond the headlines that grab our attention for a moment and, through their being so familiar, help to make us complacent about how to understand these issues and the people they most directly affect? The many headlines about black men, often offered as if they are explanations, include:

- The lack of positive black male role models for black boys
- Absent black fathers
- Fear of black males
- Misogynistic hip-hop gangster culture
- Stereotypes of black males as sexual, athletic and violent
- Institutional racism

But do these apparent explanations explain and how do they influence the thinking and practice of professionals who work with black boys, their parents and families? What are the issues for professionals working with black males? What practice approaches work? What can we learn from those who have excelled with working with black boys/men?

This conference brings together a range of thinkers and practitioners who have gone beyond the usual headlines to explore and address these issues.

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## PROGRAMME

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### 9.00 Registration and coffee

### 9.30 Welcome

Louise Lyon, *Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Director, Adolescent Directorate, Tavistock Clinic*

### 9.45 Up Against it Psychologically: Black males in the UK

Frank Lowe, *Adult Psychotherapist, Head of Young Black People Consultation Service, Tavistock Clinic*

### 10.15 Black Men and the Criminal Justice System

Peter Herbert, *National Chairperson of the Society of Black Lawyers, Independent Member, Met Police Authority*

### 11.00 Coffee break

### 11.30 Working with Young Black Boys: "The Shadows in the Gap"

Camila Batmanghelidjh, *Director, Kids Company*

### 12.30 Lunch

### 1.30 Mentoring excluded black boys: The boyztoMEN Experience

Melvyn Davis, *Director, The Male Development Service*

### 2.15 Black Boys, their Fathers and Schools: Insights and implications for professional practice

Onel Brooks, *Senior Lecturer and Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist, Adolescent Directorate, Tavistock Clinic*

### 2.45 Tea break

### 3.00 Themed Workshops

### 4.15 Final Plenary

### 5.00 Close

# APPLICATION FORM

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