

Press Statement

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Napo Women's Conference arrives in York

Napo is the Trade Union and Professional Association for Probation and Family Court Staff and its biannual women's conference will this year be held in York at the Park Inn on Friday 12th June 2015. This is the first Napo conference since the privatisation of 70% of the Probation Service. With 100 delegates arriving in the city, the event promises a wide range of female speakers covering a variety of topics that affect women workers in Probation and Cafcass.

Guest speakers include Sarah Champion MP who has tirelessly campaigned in Parliament against child sexual abuse following the Rotherham scandal. Sarah, who is in her second term as an MP will talk to delegates about her campaign and life as a female MP in a largely male dominated environment.

Phyllis Opoku-Gyimah is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of UK Black Pride and Head of Campaigns for PCS union. Phyllis will address the conference on how to encourage black and minority ethnic women into the union and to become active members.

Other speakers include Professor Gill Kirton who has carried out research into employment relations for the last 20 years with a specific focus on women's participation and leadership in trade unions; Alison Lowe, CEO of Touchstone, a mental health charity working in West Yorkshire, Hilary Barrett, Cafcass Head of Service, and Lynda Marginson, Divisional Director for the National Probation Service.

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