



MINDFUL POLICY GROUP:

FAMILY LAW REFORM CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 25, HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

The **Mindful Policy Group**, chaired by Shoreham and East Worthing MP and former children's minister **Tim Loughton** is currently pressing for reforms in family law so that it better meets children's needs. The group includes some of the world's leading authorities on attachment, the science of human development. A proper understanding of recent remarkable advances in the way attachment forms, and of our emotional needs as individuals, will lead to better outcomes for children and their families.

CONFERENCE:

'FAMILY LAW MEETS ATTACHMENT SCIENCE – MAKING BETTER DECISIONS FOR CHILDREN

The conference will take place in **Westminster on the afternoon of September 25**, and will feature an interview with **Professor Allan Schore**, who is the world's leading authority on attachment. Professor Schore's ground-breaking books, which incorporate latest research in neuroscience, are radically transforming our understanding of children's needs and point to the urgent need for family law reform, including more collaboration, less confrontation, and more accurate assessment of the parties involved. Those who should attend include **judges, barristers, and family lawyers**.

MPG BOOK – BETTER OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Also on the agenda will be a remarkable new book by attachment expert and MPG director **Penelope Leach**, whose 1970's book **Your Baby and Child** has sold almost 3m copies and transformed parenting for the better. Her new work **Family Breakdown: Helping Children to Hang on to Both Their Parents** distils a lifetime's experience at the forefront of attachment science to inform separating parents what their child's needs actually are and how to put them first. The book, published on June 19, challenges many of the accepted practices of the family courts, particularly in terms of contact arrangements, and points to other avenues of urgent family reform.

***'This book should be obligatory reading for anyone even contemplating the ending of a relationship where children are involved.'* Sir Paul Coleridge, the Hon. Mr Justice Coleridge, High Court Judge Family division 2000–2014.**

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