

Oxfordshire Virtual School presents:

## 2026 Annual Conference

### Education as The Anchor: Building Stability and Futures for Every Child



**Join Oxfordshire Virtual School and contributors for a day of connection, learning and sharing of best practice.**

This conference, Education as The Anchor, is a day dedicated to how education can provide stability, belonging and hope for care-experienced children and children with a social worker.

The conference brings together national expertise, inspection insight and frontline practice, including:

- A keynote from our guest speaker
- Reflections from the Virtual School Head on the evolving role of Virtual Schools in response to national policy
- Input from Linda Culling, Senior His Majesty's Inspector (Schools), on what Ofsted expects for vulnerable learners

Through contributions from children, young people and partners, and a strong focus on relational practice, we will explore how attuned, consistent and connection-focused approaches can strengthen educational stability.

The day will focus on practical, transferable strategies to support children experiencing instability, disrupted learning and trauma, leaving attendees with clear insights, renewed energy and a shared sense of purpose as corporate parents.

#### Keynote speaker:



We will be joined by Louise Bombè, whose renowned expertise in attachment-aware and trauma-responsive practice makes her uniquely placed to guide our reflections and inspire our work with children who need relational safety the most.



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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
09:00 -15:30

Unipart House  
Garsington Road  
Cowley  
Oxford  
OX4 2PG

Join us as we come together to share insights, celebrate successes and strengthen our collective commitment to transforming the lives of care-experienced children and children with a social worker.

With education as a stabilising force, and relationships and relational practice at the heart of everything we do, we can create environments where every child feels grounded, supported and empowered to build the future they deserve.

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