

Child Protection & The Leave No-one Behind Agenda

Seminar 9: Holistic Child Safeguarding and Protection

Thursday 20th July 2017

Presenter

Seminar 9 will be delivered by **Sarah Wanjiru Mbira**, Director for [Pendekezo Letu](#) (PKL). Sarah has over 20 years' experience of working in child protection and safeguarding and 14 years' being a Director at PKL. With a background in Social Science, counselling and psychology, Sarah has vast experience of working with children and young people at risk in Kenya. Sarah has worked her way up from social worker, to senior social worker, programme coordinator to Director at Pendekezo Letu, enabling PKL to develop a holistic and inclusive approach.



Pendekezo Letu "Our Choice": Is a Kenyan NGO based in Nairobi delivering a variety of programmes to street connected children, young people and families in the city centre and slum settlements of Nairobi. PKL offers the following services for street connected children and young people; medical referral, counselling, recreation, family tracing and reintegration, street-based education, referral to schools, vocational training centres and the provision of business credit to small groups of children who choose not to leave the streets.



For more information on Pendekezo Letu's work please see their website:

<http://www.pendekezoletu.org/> alternatively, see a recent video developed by Comic Relief regarding a beneficiary supported by PKL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EMBxnfcf1Wg>

13.00 – 13.20 Refreshments and Networking

13.20 – 14.10 Seminar

Seminar 9 will explore PKL's holistic approach to Child Safeguarding and Protection. Sarah will present her experience of Child Safeguarding and Protection in Nairobi, Kenya and the challenges of working with street connected children and families. The seminar will explore the complex realities that children and families face in Nairobi and how PKL responds to these through taking a holistic and adaptive approach. This seminar will use PKL's experience of using the UNCRC to advocate and support children in accessing their rights, while recognizing the reality and individual needs of each child and family.

14.10 – 15.00 Facilitated Discussion

Using case studies Sarah will get participants to discuss and explore:

- Complex Child Protection cases faced by PKL working with street connected children

Logistics

Location: Room 1A & B, Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, EC2A 4LT.

Confirmation: Places are limited so please e-mail csg@childhope.org.uk to confirm the names of representatives from your organisation who will be attending.