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Financial Issues in Family Mediation: impact, possibilities and boundaries

Date: Thursday 16th November

Time: 9.30-4.15pm

Venue: Online via Zoom

For: Family Mediators

**Presenters: Anne Hall Dick and
Caitlin Logan**

**Cost: RS Members £60/
Non-Members £120**

CPD Category A Points: 6

In this event participants are invited to consider the financial issues which can arise in family mediation – Child Focused and All Issues – and explore the impact, possibilities and boundaries.

Initially, Caitlin Logan (One Parent Families Scotland) will illustrate the financial impact of parental separation, particularly the challenges for parents using the Child Maintenance Service including the learning from research and policy developments.

Anne Hall Dick will then go on to explore how to interact with the CMS formula; what lies beyond the CMS formula; where the boundary lies between child support and wider issues; the potential pitfalls and benefits of a more expansive dialogue and look at what we mean by financial mediation. The perspective and role of the legal adviser will be considered.

The session will promote discussion and dialogue with interactive work using scenarios to bring issues into helpful focus. It will identify mediation skills, possibilities and boundaries when considering finances in mediation.

Learning Outcomes: By the end of the day participants will have:

- Increased knowledge about the Child Maintenance Service(CMS) and current challenges for separated parents managing financial issues.
- Clarity about interacting with the CMS formula and confidence in exploring child support issues.
- Awareness of pitfalls and potential in dialogue about division of shared assets and the perspective of the legal adviser.
- Examined mediation skills, possibilities and boundaries when considering finances in family mediation.

Presenter: Anne Hall Dick, Family law and dispute resolution have held an irresistible fascination for Anne throughout her career. Anne is now working as an all issues family mediator and a trainer. She has trained in both employment and child inclusive mediation. She was a part time Chair of Social Security and CSA tribunals and a member of the Independent Tribunal Service training committee for some years. Anne was a Family Lawyer for 42 years before her retirement from legal practice in 2017. In 1993 she was the first family mediator to be accredited by the Law Society of Scotland. Anne is on the training team for CALM, the organisation for family lawyers accredited by the Law Society. She contributed a chapter to 'Family Mediation – Contemporary Issues' published by Bloomsbury in 2020. <http://inkdancemediation.co.uk/>

Caitlin Logan is Policy, Research and Influence Lead at One Parent Families Scotland, a charity which runs local support and advice services for single and a Lone Parent Helpline. As part of the policy team, Caitlin is focused on ensuring single parents' voices are heard by decisionmakers and that campaigns for positive change are shaped by single parents and their families' needs.

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If you have any questions about the booking process please contact:

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