



The Gender Agenda:
Supporting, not defining boys and girls

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Graham Goulden
Director, Cultivating Minds UK

Graham Goulden was a Scottish Police for 30 years, the last 8 of which he spent working with the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit. During this time he began to see the many issues that impact disproportionately on boys and men and set about starting important conversations to support boys and men as well as engaging them to see their role in the prevention of all forms of men's violence. He is an international speaker and trainer working in sports teams, schools, universities, workplaces, prisons and in local communities. Graham is a passionate advocate of the bystander approach and its use to reduce violence as well as to start conversations with boys and men on these issues. For more information see his website <https://grahamgoulden.com/>



Ali McClure, Ali McClure Education and Parenting
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Children, the way they learn and why they behave as they do are Ali's life's work and passion. Her strategies seem so simple but they have hidden depths. Learning the science and understanding which is behind every behaviour empowers you to support every child on their journey to brilliant behaviour and limitless learning - both now and in the future.



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She offers INSET days, consultancy, short courses, visits, learning walks and joint observations to Early Years Settings, Out of School groups and Schools. She also offers parent courses and one-to-one coaching and consultation.



James Cook
Head Teacher, Early Learning and Childcare and Primary School

James Cook (@MisstahCook on Twitter) is a Head Teacher of an Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) setting and Primary School in Scotland. Having worked in a range of roles in Scottish early years settings and schools, local authorities and in one of the Regional Improvement Collaboratives (RICs), James has had developed and led professional learning on equalities, leadership, play pedagogy, social justice, and teaching and learning. James is the co-facilitator of Scottish Educators Connect which is a professional learning network for practitioners across Scotland, including virtual professional learning book groups, blogs and a podcast. Driven by the values of belonging and growth, James is committed to equality and equity for all.



Susie Heywood
Co-founder, Gender Friendly Scotland

Susie Heywood is the co-founder of Gender Friendly Scotland, an initiative which aims to ensure that young children are not limited by harmful gender stereotypes we find across our society. The Gender Friendly approach is grounded in a belief that these stereotypes are harmful to everyone and that they play a role in many of the big public health issues that we are experiencing in Scotland. By taking an equitable approach, providing a counterbalance to these restrictive and binary gender “ideals” and understanding how they fit within a wider system of inequality, Susie believes we can all benefit.



Susie is an experienced public health professional, with experience around areas such as suicide prevention, mental health, behaviour change, training and education. She is mum to two young children and is passionate about making Scotland a better place for them to grow up in.