

PSA Care Commission – policy makers' event

Monday 23rd May 9.30am – 2pm
Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

FREE half day policy seminar

Valuing care: finding a way forward

This free half day seminar will explore the theme of undervaluing care within the context of the Political Studies Association's Commission on the crisis of care in austerity Britain. Given financial constraints, is it inevitable that paid care workers will remain amongst the lowest paid, and unpaid care will remain invisible and undervalued? Is this simply because caring is still dominated by women? How could we achieve a fundamental shift from care work being seen as low skill, low value work? What would be the impact on the quality of care that older and disabled people receive?

This event will be of particular interest to voluntary sector representatives of organisations working in the care sector, those representing carers or providing care services including specialist BAME or disability organisations, trade union representatives, women's organisations, local and national government representatives, local and national community groups involved in care and support for older or disabled people, young carers' representatives.

- 9.30-10am** Arrivals, tea and coffee.
- 10am** Chair's welcome & introductions. **Belinda Phipps**, Fawcett Society
- 10.10am** Current challenges facing social care: an overview – **Janet Morrison**, Independent Age
- 10.20am** Can we afford to care now and in the future? **Jerome de-Henau**, Open University & Women's Budget Group
- 10.40am** The End of Formal Adult Social Care? **Ben Franklin**, ILC UK
- 10.50am** 1st panel Q&A
- 11.10am** From childcare to adult social care - **Stephen Burke**, United for All Ages
- 11.20am** Valuing care and meeting the challenge of a provider's perspective. **Trevor Brocklebank**, Homeinstead
- 11.30am** Valuing the care workforce – **Heather Wakefield**, Unison
- 11.40am** 2nd panel Q & A
- 12-12.20pm** Break
- 12.20pm** **Roundtable discussions** – a way forward addressing 2 key challenges:
What are the structural barriers in the care system and how can these be overcome?
How do we move from undervaluing to valuing care?
- 1pm** Report back & lunch
- 1.45pm** Conclusions & next steps
- 2pm** Event closes

This is an invitation-only seminar and places are limited. To request a place please contact:
events@fawcettsociety.org.uk