

CENTRE FOR INNOVATION AND RESEARCH IN CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

# ESW Open Seminar Series

Wednesday 7 March, 1.30-3pm  
venue tbc

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## **Social Workers and Kinship Care in France**

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In French child protection, kinship care is rare (seven per cent of out-of-home care). In a context where a high level of child protection interventions are decided by the children's judge, case workers often manage child protection in conjunction with professionals in foster or residential care. This raises questions about the role of social work in kinship care - including how social workers perceive their roles and support kinship carers.

What knowledge do they have of family resources - especially those of kinship carers? What are the main points that they focus on during their intervention? Professor Tillard will present the results of a study carried out in the north of France on this topic, and will also discuss an ongoing research project on informal kinship care.

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