



"Putting families back in the driving seat"

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## Criteria for free offer

- > You are facing divorce or separation
- > There are children involved
- > You have a family/ friends support network
- > You and your ex can put your differences aside for the sake of your children
- > You live in Barnsley

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## WHAT ABOUT US?



Contact with your kids or grandkids proving difficult?

Kids stuck in the middle?

Shared parenting not working?

Our aim is to offer a platform for the voice of your child/ren, an accessible planning vehicle which promotes family agreement and the opportunity to resolve your disputes out of court.

We have recently received lottery funding to pilot a project called "What about us?"

We want to ensure that children continue to have access to both their absent parent and extended family network and are truly involved in decisions that affect their lives when their parents relationship breaks down.

We all know that divorce/separation can be devastating for children and young people. During these difficult family times it's easy for us as adults to overlook the hurt and disruption our children experience stuck in the middle. The aim of "What about us?" is to reduce the negative impact on children when their parents separate by bringing the whole family together to resolve conflicts. We believe the child's voice should be central and they should be supported to participate in decisions made in their family, particularly when their parents decide they can no longer live together.

If you are a family who could benefit from this pilot scheme or you know someone else who could please contact us on our website <a href="www.preferredfuturesfs.co.uk">www.preferredfuturesfs.co.uk</a> or ring 01226249590 mob 07480211680, we will respond to your enquiry promptly.

What about us will result in:

> Happier children and families

> Sustained relationships and contact between children and their families



- Informed and involved children
- > Parents finding ways to continue to jointly parent their children.
- > Reduced disruption to children's day to day lives.

