

SCFG Seminar – Thursday 6th September 2018 – Guest Speaker – Kathy Evans



**Kathy Evans, Chief Executive, [Children England](#)
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Kathy was appointed CEO of Children England in April 2013, having been its Deputy CEO since May 2010.

She is a graduate of Trinity College Cambridge, with a degree in Social and Political Sciences. Following graduation, Kathy took a full-time CSV volunteer placement in a voluntary sector children's home, an experience that inspired her to train in counselling, and to work with young people in LA secure accommodation for several years. She moved into policy work in 1996: initially for DrugScope, specialising in drug treatment for young people; then in 2001 moving to The Children's Society where she was Policy Director until 2009. During her career Kathy has been the Chair of the Standing Committee for Youth Justice, a Trustee of the Children's Rights Alliance for England, a member of the ACMD Hidden Harm implementation group and DCSF Care Matters advisory group. She was also consultant to the Police Foundation and Justice, devising potential alternatives to Youth Courts, to support the Independent Commission on Youth Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Kathy is also a regular columnist for *Children and Young People Now*, and for *Civil Society*.

Kathy will be talking about the journey Children England has been on over the last 6 years, in uncovering and challenging the unsustainability of competitive market approaches in children's services; the theory and market structure of public service outsourcing and the warning signs in Carillion's collapse this year. She will share ideas from their collaborative efforts to chart a different path from here, including their [Declaration of Interdependence](#), ideas for redesigning the commissioning and funding of children's social care ([Children in Charge](#)), and the need to reframe contracting relationships through the lens of common ethical standards in public life.