CORC Forum 2026

Thursday 26 November, 9.30am to 1.30pm

9.30 - 9.35	**Welcome and introduction**
9.35 - 10.15	**The vital role of youth work and youth clubs** ***Jamie Masraff, CEO of OnSide*** Jamie will speak from his experience about the situation facing young people, the role that youth centres play in supporting young people to fill their potential, and the impact they have on young people's outcomes.
10.15 - 10.45	**Developments from the Child Outcomes Research Consortium** ***Nick Tait, Programme Manager, CORC, Anna Freud*** Nick will share recent evidence and developments in understanding and improving child and youth mental health outcomes from across the CORC network and beyond.
10.45 - 11.00	**Break**

11.00 – 11.30	**The Good Childhood Report 2026: People and Places of Belonging** ***Delph Chollet, Senior Researcher, The Children's Society*** Each year The Children's Society's Good Childhood Report explores what children and young people tell us about how their lives are going. Their collective insights helped us understand more about why children and young people respond to wellbeing questions in the way that they do, and what needs to change so that the declining trends in children's wellbeing are reversed. For their 15th Good Childhood Report, The Children's Society married quantitative and qualitative data and worked with a group of Young Advisors to focus on the theme of people and places of belonging. In this session, Delphine will share highlights from the recently published 2026 report and reflect on its findings, insights and recommendations.
11.30 – 12.00	**Shifting from Activity to Impact: First steps towards a Learning Health System for Child and Youth Mental Health Services in Ireland** ***Dr. Tom Foley, CAMHS Consultant Psychiatrist and National Clinical Lead for HSE Community Care Record, and Mark Kavanagh, Senior Project Specialist, Centre for Effective Services, working within the HSE Child and Youth Mental Health Office*** How can routine outcome measurement help build the foundations for a Learning Health System? This presentation will describe a collaboration between CORC, several Irish CAMHS services and the HSE National Child and Youth Mental Health Office (CYMHO) to develop a consistent outcomes framework for CAMHS in Ireland. We will outline the co-design process, the selection of a small core set of measures alongside symptom-specific measures, and the practical challenges encountered. We will also explore what is needed to move from routine data collection to a fully functioning Learning Health System capable of driving continuous improvement in child and youth mental health services in Ireland.
12.00 – 12.15	**Break**

12.15 - 12.45	**Common threads in prevention work: What evaluation learning tells us about supporting young people who face adversity** ***Dr Jenna Jacob, CORC Research Lead*** This session will share learning from recent evaluations of programmes supporting children and young people who have experienced adversity, including trauma, violence, exploitation, unmet mental health needs and structural inequalities. Drawing out common threads across different models and settings, it will invite attendees to consider what helps prevention work engage young people earlier, respond to complexity and strengthen joined-up support across systems. The session will also explore how evaluation evidence can inform service design, partnership working and future prevention practice.
12.45 - 13.15	**What young people are telling us about youth participation in mental health services** ***Chris Klays, CAMHS patient/carer engagement and participation lead - North Yorkshire, York, and Selby (TEWV)*** What does meaningful participation look like in children's mental health services, and why does it matter? In this session, colleagues from TEWV and CORC will share what young people and staff have told us about participation in CAMHS, the difference it makes, and the lessons for services. We'll explore the key findings from this collaborative work and discuss how they are shaping updates to the CORC Best Practice Framework, ensuring young people's voices are central to how services develop and improve.
13.15 - 13.30	**Closing comments and reflections**