

TCK Forum

Family matters in cross-cultural mission

Who is it for?

Staff of member agencies, service agencies, churches, schools, parents and ex-mission partners who are concerned with the welfare of Third Culture Kids (TCKs). TCK is the term used to describe anyone from anywhere who has spent time growing up outside their home country.

What is its focus and when does it meet?

The forum's main focus is to help and encourage the support, care, education and training of TCKs. The forum usually meets once or twice each year. The forum is also closely linked to the [European TCK Network](#).

Members also provide one-day family-orientated events to help parents and children who are considering or committed to living and working overseas. Members also run the Re-Konnect summer camps for TCKs aged 6-18 to aid return to the UK after a period of growing up overseas. A report on Re-Konnect 2010 is [available here](#).

What issues have we covered recently?

'Debriefing' for children on home leave and re-entry; children in restrictive societies; investigation procedures in child protection; family support from first application to adulthood

Who is on the planning team?

The Chair is Steve Bryant (WEC International). Other members are Paul Lindsay (Global Connections), Janet Chapman (OMF), Ann Christian (SIM), Yolanda Jerrard (New Tribes Mission) and Gill Cheffy (Wycliffe Bible Translators).

If you would like help to think through your TCK care, including policies and procedures, please contact Paul Lindsay using the 'more information' link below.



[Forum events](#)

Find out more about the next TCK Forum events and TCK holidays



[Forum papers](#)

Information related to the TCK forum



[TCK Guidelines](#)

Guidelines for developing policies and procedures for families and children serving overseas



[Member Care Guidelines](#)

Guidelines for good practice in Member Care



[Child Protection Policy Guidelines](#)

Guidelines for developing a child protection policy for UK based organisation or UK church sending staff or volunteers overseas



[CRB checks](#)

Find out more about criminal records bureau checks and links for further information



[report on rekonnect 2010 event](#)

Read about the rekonnect 2010 event

Access to NHS Treatment for Mission Partners

The Department of Health has published some rules, procedures and documentation on access to hospital and primary health care, including NHS charges and exemptions for former UK residents currently working overseas. Missionaries are specifically named as an exempt category, eligible for free NHS treatment in England. Full information can be found on the [Department of Health website](#).

Relevant Links:

External Websites

- [Access the Euro-TCK website](#)

For more information, please contact [Paul Lindsay](#).

