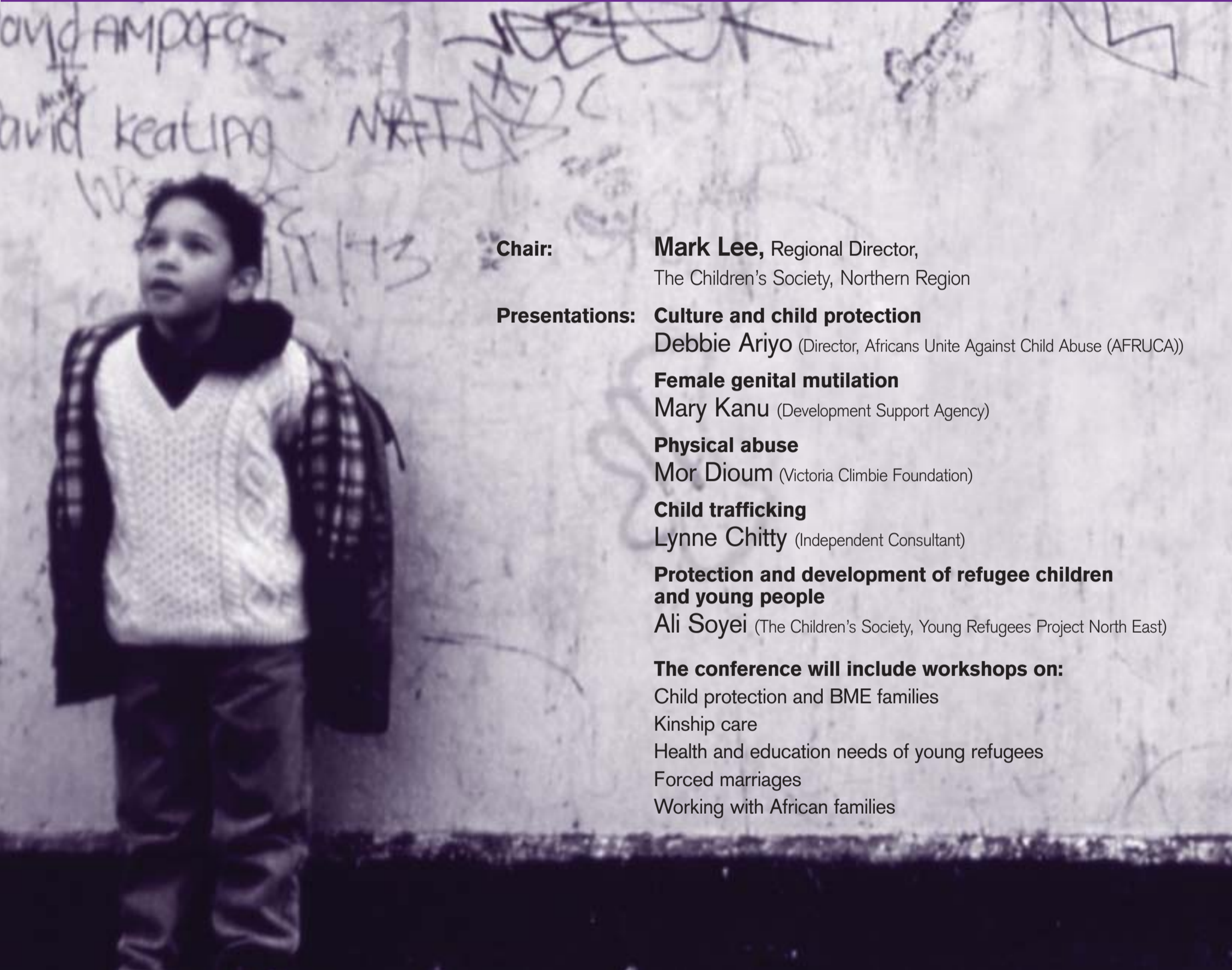


The Children's Society (Northern Region) in association with Africans Unite Against Child Abuse (AFRUCA) present a conference on

Safeguarding and protecting children and young people in BME communities

24 May 2005 at 10.00 am, Alnwick Suite, St James Park, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 4ST



Chair:

Mark Lee, Regional Director,
The Children's Society, Northern Region

Presentations:

Culture and child protection

Debbie Ariyo (Director, Africans Unite Against Child Abuse (AFRUCA))

Female genital mutilation

Mary Kanu (Development Support Agency)

Physical abuse

Mor Dioum (Victoria Climbié Foundation)

Child trafficking

Lynne Chitty (Independent Consultant)

Protection and development of refugee children and young people

Ali Soyei (The Children's Society, Young Refugees Project North East)

The conference will include workshops on:

Child protection and BME families

Kinship care

Health and education needs of young refugees

Forced marriages

Working with African families

Aims and objectives:

To increase awareness of the protection needs in BME communities

Develop safe practice in working with BME children, young people and families in the North East

Respond to Government agenda for the protection of children and young people (Every Child Matters)

The cost to attend the conference is £85 per person. Lunch is provided.

Booking forms can be obtained from:

The Children's Society, Young Refugees Project North East,
Lynnwood Business Centre, Lynnwood Terrace, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 6UL
e-mail: lpn@childrenssociety.org.uk or tel: 0191 256 5037

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