

When Vulnerability Meets Power
Safeguarding in the International Aid and Development Sector

4th March 2026

British Psychological Society, 30 Tabernacle Street, London, EC2A 4UE / Online

09.00	Coffee and refreshments
09.30	Welcome Steve Reeves & Marcus Erooga, Editors: <i>When Vulnerability Meets Power</i>
09.45	Setting the Scene Peter Taylor, Head of Safeguarding, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
10.00	How To Build Safer Cultures Through Leadership and Why It's Essential That We Do. Frances Longley, Charity CEO, leadership, and culture advocate Sally Proudlove, UNICEF
10.45	Aid Workers: Personal Risks, Responses and Recovery Dr Noreen Tehrani, Founder at Noreen Tehrani Associates
11.15	Coffee & Comfort Break
11.30	Donor Power and the Challenges of Standards-based Approach Dr Karen Walker-Simpson, Technical Director, Funder Safeguarding Collaborative
12.15	Ethics Under Pressure: The HR Dilemma, Mandatory Reporting, and Whistleblowing <i>Chair:</i> Frances Longley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Kathryn Gordon, Co-CEO at VSO – Dr Mayumi Fuchi, Head of Quality and Accountability at Human Appeal – Leigh Heale, Former Global Safeguarding Director, WaterAid
13.15	Lunch
14.00	Gender as a Lens into Safeguarding and Sexual Violence Dr Mayumi Fuchi, Head of Quality and Accountability at Human Appeal
14.30	The Global Policing Challenge Paul Stanfield, CEO at Childlight
15.00	Strengthening Safeguarding and Accountability - an International Aid Ombuds Ma-Luschka Jean-Louis, Global Safeguarding Director at SOS Children's Villages Kirsten Pontalti, Executive Director at Proteknôn Foundation
15.30	Coffee & Comfort Break
15:45	Shaping the Future, Open Forum and Discussion Steve Reeves & Marcus Erooga
16.30	Final thoughts and farewells