

IFAS Conference 2026

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Strangulation

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER(S)	CHAIR
09:00 – 09:30	Registration		
09:30 – 09:40	IFAS Opening Address	Bernie Ryan, OBE, CEO at IFAS	Bernie Ryan, IFAS
09:40 – 09:50	Ministerial Address	Satvir Kaur, Home Office Minister for Safeguarding and VAWG	Bernie Ryan, IFAS
09:50 – 10:20	Paying the Cost of Paying Lip Service: It Doesn't Have to be This Way	Professor Cath White, OBE, Medical Director at IFAS	Annie Poland, EVAW
10:20 – 10:50	More Than a Method: Understanding Strangulation as Cultural Coercion in Honour-Based Abuse	Ameera Jamil, Co-founder and Executive Director of Recultured	Annie Poland, EVAW
10:50 – 11:05	Break		
11:05 – 11:15	Address from the Domestic Abuse Commissioner	Dame Nicole Jacobs, Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales	Liz Thompson, SafeLives
11:15 – 11:40	Recent Developments on NFS Laws and Their Effects on Intimate Partner Homicides	Professor Climent Quintana-Domeque and Professor Sonia Oreffice, University of Exeter	Liz Thompson, SafeLives
11:40 – 11:55	Strangulation presence in stranger sexual violence: 20-years of National Crime Agency records	Dr Zoe Callon, Bournemouth University	Liz Thompson, SafeLives
11:55 – 12:30	Reflecting on the Criminal Justice Processes – Panel Discussion	Lotte Young Andrade, Research Officer at IFAS Andrea Griffiths, Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor Jo Lazzari, District Crown Prosecutor, CPS North West Angie Whittaker, NCVPP/ NPCC representative Professor Cath White, OBE, Medical Director at IFAS	Liz Thompson, SafeLives

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12:30 – 12:45	Q+A Session	Professor Climent Quintana-Domeque Professor Sonia Oreffice Professor Cath White Dr Zoe Callon Lotte Young Andrade	Liz Thompson, SafeLives
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch		
13:45 – 14:05	Keynote	Jess Asato, MP for Lowestoft and Independent Adviser to DHSC on VAWG	Bernie Ryan, IFAS
14:05 – 14:50	Workshops		Bernie Ryan, IFAS
	1 – Getting the Best Strangulation Forensic Medical Evidence into the Courtroom	The National Crime Agency (NCA) Professor Cath White, OBE, Medical Director at IFAS Farah Yusuf, Forensic Physician at St. Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)	
	2 – Getting the Best Out of Conversations About Strangulation with Young People	Jonny Hunt, Senior Lecturer in Applied Social Sciences – Childhood and Youth Studies at the University of Bedfordshire	
	3 – Getting the Best Safeguarding Response to Strangulation	Emma Robinson, Head of Training and Practice at SafeLives IFAS Survivor Group Members	
14:50 – 15:10	Break		
15:10 – 15:30	Workshop Feedback and Discussion		Bernie Ryan, IFAS
15:30 – 16:00	The Power of Storytelling to Engage Young People	Trupti Reddy, Head of Impact and Policy at Tender Nika Noakes, Head of Communications and Engagement at IFAS	Aphra Brandreth, MP for Chester South and Eddisbury

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16:00 – 16:25	Including Men and Boys in the Conversation	Jamie Bale, Senior School Coordinator at Beyond Equality Annie Poland, Head of Policy and Research at the End Violence Against Women Coalition (EVAW)	Bernie Ryan, IFAS
16:25 – 16:30	Closing Remarks	Bernie Ryan, OBE, CEO at IFAS	Bernie Ryan, IFAS