

The Progress Educational Trust (PET) are organising an event 'DAD NOT INCLUDED: SHOULD THE NEED FOR A FATHER BE ENSHRINED IN LAW?', at the Houses of Parliament on the evening of Monday 14 January.

This event is FREE to attend, but is ticketed due to limited space. Further details are included below. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [ssarr@progress.org.uk](mailto:ssarr@progress.org.uk)

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A debate organised by the Progress Educational Trust (PET) Sponsored by Evan Harris MP, Robert Key MP and Dari Taylor MP

6.45pm-8.30pm, Monday 14 January 2008  
Palace of Westminster, London SW1A 0AA

Those offering IVF and associated techniques are required, by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990, to consider the welfare of the child who might be born as a result - including the child's 'need for a father'.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill currently being debated in Parliament proposes to remove the reference to the 'need for a father' from this area of law, begging two questions. First, do children need fathers?

Second, is it necessary or desirable that the need for a father be enshrined in law? This debate at the Houses of Parliament will see experts debate the issue from three contrasting perspectives.

#### SPEAKERS

- RUTH DEECH

UK Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education, former Chair of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority

- FIONA MacCALLUM

Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Warwick

- JULIET TIZZARD

Deputy Head of Ethics at the British Medical Association, former Director of the Progress Educational Trust

Followed by questions from the floor

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