

# “Breaking the Code of Silence”

## Safe Schools Seminar

10 May 2019

8am to 3.30pm (Registration from 7.30am)

**Registration (with Tea and Coffee)**

**Welcome and Introductions**

### **Session 1: Understanding the Learner**

“Why I was Silent for 50 Years” - Graham Bell, on speaking out against abuse

“Psychological Insights into the Code of Silence and How We Can Help the Child” - Prof Terrence Dowdall (Previous Head of Child Psychology, UCT) on the personal and psychological aspects to consider in breaking the Code of Silence

**Panel Discussion on Creating Openness and Safe Environments**

**TEA BREAK**

### **Session 2:**

“Why I Changed My Mind” - Justin Paul, ex-SGB Chairman, shares his story on how his school leadership dealt with disclosure

“How Do We Break the Culture of Institutional Silence In Schools” - Luke Lamprecht, Consultant to SAMSOSA and investigator of the Parktown Boys’ incidents

**Panel Discussion on Managing Change of Culture**

**LUNCH BREAK & EXHIBITION VIEWING**

### **Session 3: Dealing with Disclosures**

“The Do’s and Don’ts of Hearing Disclosures” - Marc Hardwick, Founder of The Guardian on the legal and psychological considerations when receiving a disclosure from a Learner, including post disclosure actions

### **Session 4: Workshops**

Managing the Dangers of Social Networking, Smart Phones and Devices  
Dealing with the “Blesser” Culture

### **Closing Session**

Workshop Feedback  
Commitment and Conclusion

**Seminar Ends with Cocktail Function**

