Shelley Gilbert is founder of the Grief Encounter project and author of the workbook of the same name. The project's mission is to raise understanding about issues for bereaved children and promote the value of bereavement support. Grief Encounter's goal is that every bereaved child and their family, in the UK, get the best possible help, support, recognition and understanding following their loss. She is registered with UKCP and is a BACP Senior Accredited Counsellor. Shelley has received awards for her counselling initiatives, including AOL Innovation in the Community, Bank of America Excellence award, Helping Hands for exceptional community work and Minerva Business Award.

Shelley knows about childhood bereavement from her own experience. She says, “I was orphaned by the time I was 9 years old. Not only did I lose my parents, but I lost my home, my school, my role and my friends... however, to the outside world I appeared fine. The adults around me wanted to protect me from further pain, but if only we could have had conversations and removed the fears.”

In this session she will draw on her extensive experience of working therapeutically with bereaved children to offer you ways of helping the bereaved child.

The fee for this event, which includes coffee, is £20 for Cambridge Forum members, £30 for non-members. Please include your cheque with your application – cheques made payable to “University of Cambridge” and crossed a/c payee. A booking form can also be downloaded from: http://www.educ.cam.ac.uk/ppd/counsellors/cfew/