



# SPPA

Social Pedagogy  
Professional Association

## SPPA Conference 2018



### 'Growing up, growing old, staying well'

Current public policy reform in all four countries of the UK envisages new ways of practicing in care, education and health services for individuals, families and communities. But delivery often falls short of being transformational. Social pedagogy has a life course perspective and foregrounds everyday living contexts. Often translated as 'education in the broadest sense of the term', social pedagogy is a relational and ethical practice that gives practitioners a values framework, alongside theories and tools with concrete applicability to everyday practice. Social pedagogy holds the possibility to support current policy direction and to enhance the quality of service provided.

This conference, hosted by the Social Pedagogy Professional Association (SPPA), will be an invigorating, refreshing, creative, and quirky reframing of public policy and the way we practice. There will be an opportunity to hear from leading voices in public policy and to participate in workshops about changing practice on the ground to enhance the quality of life and outcomes in the many settings where social pedagogy is active.

SPPA is the professional home of social pedagogy in the UK. It is a membership based organisation that exists to support continuous professional development in social pedagogy in all areas of the UK. It holds standards for social pedagogy qualifications and endorses social pedagogy learning programmes. New members are always welcome.

**Who should attend:** all those interested in a social pedagogic approach to delivering care, education and health services, from practitioners to policy makers, and students to academics. You might be working in early childhood education and care, family support, in day care services for older people, mental health services or residential child care. There is a place in social pedagogy for all of you. There will be a special discounted rate for students and non-wage earners.

# Submit a workshop proposal by 1<sup>st</sup> May:

We are looking for interactive, experiential and academically focused workshops, from a socio-pedagogical perspective, from academics, policy makers, practitioners and students from across a range of disciplines such as social work, education, older people, community learning and health.

Workshops will last for 1 hour 30 mins and should aim to both inform and involve participants. The focus of workshops should fit broadly within the title of the conference, reflecting the utility of socio-pedagogical theories and methods across the life-course. Themes may include but are not limited to:

- Personal/professional relationships
- Adults/Older People
- Education in schools
- Inter-generational relationships
- Mental health/wellbeing
- Work with groups and communities
- Early childhood education and care
- Families and family support
- Youth and criminal justice
- Co-production
- Transitions

**Booking information will be announced soon.** Please register your with [sppa@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:sppa@ucl.ac.uk) to hear first.

## When:

The SPPA conference: 'Growing up, growing old, staying well' is taking place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

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## Where:

Surgeon's Hall, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW

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## Booking:

We are yet to open booking for the conference. You can register your interest with us.

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## Contact us:

Submit your workshop proposal to:

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(+44) 020 7612 6954

## Abstract guidelines:

Workshop proposals should provide a title and be a maximum of 250 words.

Please include the proposer's name(s) and contact details along with their job titles.

Download a form [here](#).