



Advance Notice and Call for Papers

8th International Looking After Children Conference

Transforming Lives – Improving Outcomes

Keble College, Oxford, UK 7 – 9 July 2008

The 8th International Looking After Children Conference is an essential three day event designed for researchers, academics, practitioners, and policy makers and is one of the most important conferences in the child, youth and family sector.

The 2008 conference, 'Transforming Lives – Improving Outcomes', will focus on effective policies and programmes to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and young people from an international perspective. While the emphasis is on children in public care, the themes cover issues of significance to all children in need.

Following on from the previous conferences in this series, the event promises to be highly successful and an excellent opportunity to share research findings with international colleagues.

Conference themes:

- Improving placement stability
- Addressing children's mental health and behavioural problems
- Improving educational outcomes
- Improving transitions to adulthood
- Using programmes such as 'Looking After Children', Assessment Framework and the Integrated Children's System to improve assessment, planning, intervention and outcomes for all children in need



Registration opens 1 November 2007

Only £525 for full registration (3 days) including en suite accommodation (7 & 8 July) and all meals at Keble College in beautiful Oxford, UK. A small number of bursaries may be available for people visiting from developing countries.

Call for papers now open – closes 30 September 2007 (see overleaf)

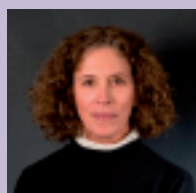
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International Keynote Presenters Confirmed so far:



Dr Marit Bergum-Hansen

Centre for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Eastern and Southern Norway (R.BUP Oslo).



Dr Patricia Chamberlain

Research Scientist, Oregon Social Learning Center, Oregon, USA.



Professor Mark Courtney

Ballmer Chair in Child Well-Being, School of Social Work, University of Washington.



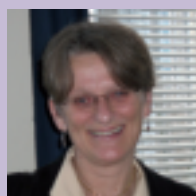
Dr Phil Fisher

Research Scientist, Oregon Social Learning Center, Oregon, USA.



Professor Mike Stein

Research Professor, Social Work Research and Development Unit, University of York, UK.



Professor Harriet Ward

Director of Centre for Child and Family Research (CCFR) and Professor of Child and Family Research, Loughborough University, UK.

Call for Papers – NOW OPEN

Abstracts of papers are requested on effective measures to improve outcomes for looked after children in one of the following areas:

- Stability of placements
- Children's mental health and behavioural problems
- Educational outcomes
- Transitions to adulthood
- Using programmes such as 'Looking After Children', Assessment Framework and the Integrated Children's System to improve assessment, planning, intervention and outcomes for all children in need

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

Abstracts must be a maximum of 250 words in length and submitted by email to transforminglivesconference@lboro.ac.uk or via the conference website.

Abstract acceptance will be notified in October 2007.

Presenters must register for the full conference upon acceptance of their abstract and will pay a reduced price of £365 for the full conference.

Please read the full submission requirements on the website: www.transforminglivesconference.org.uk

If you have any queries, please contact the conference organiser (contact details below).

Venue

Keble College is centrally located in the famous, historical and scholarly city of Oxford, close to numerous places of interest and only a short walk from the city centre.

The college boasts beautiful original brick Victorian buildings with striking gothic architecture and purpose built, contemporarily designed conference facilities.



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