



DARC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

Social work and problem substance use: Going in the right direction?

Tuesday 26TH June 2018 9am-4.30pm in The Boardroom, College Building Middlesex University, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4BT

The role of social work in responding to problem substance use is the main theme of the conference. Against the background of current changes to social work structures and approaches, the conference will help participants to take stock of our engagement as a profession so far and to think about preparing for future challenges. Participants will have the opportunity to update on some current research findings and to reflect on how they might build on these to develop good practice with service users and carers who are experiencing alcohol and drug related problems. In particular, the conference will focus on key areas where needs may be less well understood and catered for; for instance, with contributions from carers, Black and Minority Ethnic groups, LGBT populations, and research that is focusing on Learning Disability and older people experiencing domestic abuse. It will provide an opportunity to learn more about screening and assessment tools and procedures and to hear about the results of cutting edge research and current practice issues. The conference will consist of plenary sessions and six workshops for participants to choose from which will be led by practitioners, service users and researchers. The full programme will be made available nearer time.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Jill Manthorpe, Professor of Social Work and Director, Social Care Workforce Development Unit, King's College London
- Dr Christos Kouimtsidis, Consultant Psychiatrist in Addictions, Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Community members with lived experience from Phoenix Futures
- Louise O'Connor, Senior Lecturer in Social Work, Royal Holloway, University of London.
- Dr Helen Baldwin, Research Fellow, University of York
- Dr Elizabeth Martin, Northern Ireland, ARK.
- Dr Tim Weaver, Associate Professor, Mental Health Research, Middlesex University
- Dr Trish Hafford-Letchfield, Professor of Social Care, Middlesex University
- Dr Carmel Clancy, Professor of Addictions and Mental Health Nursing, Middlesex University

All are welcome and the conference will be free to attend but booking is required. Please book at <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-work-and-problem-substance-use-going-in-the-right-direction-tickets-43978800777> Any questions please contact: Rachel Herring r.herring@mdx.ac.uk or Trish Hafford-Letchfield p.hafford-leitchfield@mdx.ac.uk

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