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RESILIENCE

AN INTERNATIONAL & INTER DISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE

Friday 30th May 2014, 9am-5pm, UWS Ayr Campus

This exciting Event brings together outstanding speakers from a variety of disciplines whose work is renowned in the field having impacts on policies and practice across the world. In times of change and adversity there is a tendency to focus on the negative effects. This conference is contributing to a growing recognition that policies and interventions can also learn a great deal from how some people, or systems, adapt, recover from or remain strong in times of adversity. As will be illustrated by speakers at this conference, resilience research offers great insight to how best to support people and systems that are struggling in times of adversity. This makes the conference relevant to a range of audiences, including the caring professions, the prison service, community justice authorities, teaching profession and academics. It holds appeal to the public, private and third sector organisations. Papers will offer insights and the Event opportunity for sharing & productive networking>>>

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OPENING SPEAKER

Brian Donnelly– ‘Bullying and agency – reframing responses to bullying’

Brian has been the Director of respectme the Scottish Government funded anti-bullying service since January 2007. Respectme builds the confidence and competence of all adults who play a role in the lives of children and young people through training, policy guidance and campaigns. Brian has a strategic role to influence policy and practice nationally and on anti-bullying. He has co-authored a paper published in the International Journal of Youth Studies called: Bullying and Agency: Definition, Intervention and ethics. This presents a new take on how we define bullying and where responses must focus to be effective. This work has been presented in the UK, Europe and in the US.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr Lucy Bowes – ‘Understanding the impact of bullying on child mental health: nature, nurture and resilience’

Lucy is a Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow at the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford. Lucy’s research focuses on the impact of early life stress on psychological and behavioural development. Lucy has focused on the effects of bullying on young people’s adjustment and wellbeing. Her research integrates methods from social epidemiology, developmental psychology and behavioural genetics in order to understand the complex genetic and environmental influences that promote resilience to victimization and early life stress.

Professor Brigid Daniel - ‘Ways in which the concept of resilience can be used in child welfare and protection practice’

She is currently Professor of Social Work at Stirling University in the School of Applied Social Science. She is academic advisor to WithScotland – a national project that aims to enhance research and practice in child welfare and protection in Scotland; and is currently co-president of the Association of Professors of Social Work. Her research interests and publications are in the areas of child development, children’s resilience, work with fathers and child neglect.

Dr Morten Skovdal - ‘Resilience: When social environments help children cope with hardship.’

Morten is an Associate Professor with the Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen. His research explores children’s and community responses to HIV with the aim of appropriating global health strategies to fit local realities. In his keynote, Morten will conceptualise resilience as an outcome of children’s agency and engagement with their social environment. He will draw on research looking at the resilience of HIV-affected children living in sub-Saharan Africa.

CALL FOR PAPERS: ABSTRACTS (Deadline 10th April 2014)

Submit a 150-200 outline of your paper to Professor Chris Holligan, School of Education, Institute for Youth & Community Research, Email: chris.holligan@uws.ac.uk. Please include name, affiliations and standard contact details. Please use Microsoft word, 12 point font. Include the title and text in line with convention. Authors of papers selected will be informed of the decision before the end of April at which point a full paper will be requested from those selected. Perspectives from professional practice, academic & theoretical analysis from sociology, psychology and other disciplines are strongly welcomed.