SWSD2018
SOCIAL WORK, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Dublin | Ireland
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Environmental and Community Sustainability; Human Solutions in an Evolving Society

Abstract submission is now open

ABSTRACT TOPICS:

1. Linking Environmental and Sustainable Development
2. Role of Social Workers in fulfilling the UN's Sustainable Development Goals
3. Income, wellbeing, employment and poverty
4. Relationship-based practice: Promoting the Importance of Human Relationships
5. Evidence informed interventions
6. Strengthening education to meet the needs of communities
7. Identity, discrimination and social exclusion
8. Community development and social enterprise
9. Health, mental health and disability
10. Conflict, violence, migration and human trafficking
11. Engagement with people who use services
12. Rights of Families and Children
13. Life Span Perspectives and Issues
14. Ensuring the sustainable and ethical use of technology in human services*
15. Women's Issues Focused Stream **

* The technology-related theme will be organized by husITa and form part of the #husITa18 stream of human service technology presentations within the conference. If you wish your presentation to be made as part of #husITa18 please select theme No.14 when submitting your abstract. To find out more about #husITa18 and other human service technology related activities - please click here.

** The Women's Issues Focused Stream will be organized by the Women's Committee of the International Association of Schools of Social Work. If you wish your presentation to be made as part of this Stream select theme No.15 when submitting your abstract. Papers relating to gender, feminism and women's issues are not restricted to this stream and can be submitted under any of the other themes as appropriate also. To find out more about the Women's Issues Focused Stream please click here.

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Please read this information carefully before proceeding to the online submission form.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submissions accepted from: **June 2017**
- Submission deadline: **Wednesday 1st November – midnight UK time**
- Abstracts notifications: **Wednesday 17th January 2018**

Abstracts received after the deadline will not be accepted!

ABSTRACT STRUCTURE

Submissions for:	**Oral, Poster and Short Presentation (6 min, Pecha Kucha style)**
Title:	Minimum 8 words, maximum 25 words
Abstract body:	The abstract body should be a minimum of 300 characters (approx. 50 words) and cannot contain more than 2,000 characters (approx. 300 words). Blank spaces and punctuation are included. Authors' affiliation and titles are not included.

Submissions for:	**Workshop**
Title:	Minimum 8 words, maximum 25 words
Abstract body:	The abstract body should be a minimum of 300 characters (approx. 50 words) and cannot contain more than 2,000 characters (approx. 300 words). Blank spaces and punctuation are included. Authors' affiliation and titles are not included.
Speakers:	If you are submitting a Workshop, please provide a biography of up to 1,000 characters (150 words) for each speaker. There is a maximum of 4 speakers per Workshop.
Interaction:	We are interested in making workshops at SWSD as interactive as possible, during submission you will be asked to provide a short synopsis on how you plan on interacting with your audience during the session. Please also detail your target audience for the workshop.

Submissions for:	**Symposium**
Title:	Minimum 8 words, maximum 25 words
Abstract body:	The abstract body should be a minimum of 300 characters (approx. 50 words) and cannot contain more than 2,000 characters (approx. 300 words). Blank spaces and punctuation are included. Authors' affiliation and titles are not included.
Speakers:	If you are submitting a Symposium, please provide a biography of up to 1,000 characters (150 words) for each speaker. There is a maximum of 4 speakers per Symposium.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The internet abstract submission system works best with Internet Explorer 8.0 or higher, Mozilla Firefox 5.0 or higher and Chrome 16 or higher. Cookies and JavaScript need to be enabled.

GENERAL

1. Abstracts can only be submitted online via the online abstract submission form that can be found in the section "Abstract" on the official SWSD 2018 website: www.swsd2018.org

2. Abstracts must be submitted in English.

3. Abstracts sent by post or email will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made.

4. Previously published abstracts will be accepted.

DEFINITIONS

- Submitting author: person who submits the abstract
- Presenting author: person who will physically present the abstract at the congress and who is marked as the presenter in the programme.

RULES

Failure to observe these guidelines may result in disqualification.

1. Go to www.swsd2018.org on the Internet. Click on the "Abstract" tab.

2. The correct topic must be selected to ensure correct scoring. The content of the abstract must be topic related.

3. Abstracts must contain data and meet international ethical standards.

4. Abbreviations should be defined.

5. Abstracts can be saved in "DRAFT" status to be re-edited and modified until the submission deadline **(Wednesday 1st November – midnight UK time)**. The submitting author will be required to create a user account. In order to log back into the portal please make a note of the username and password created during the process.

6. If you have successfully submitted your abstract, you will receive a confirmation number. If no confirmation number is received, the abstract cannot be considered as successfully submitted and accepted.

7. Abstracts fulfilling all criteria can be saved in "FINAL SUBMISSION" status. Only abstracts in "FINAL SUBMISSION" status will be considered as successfully submitted and accepted.

8. If you leave the system without saving the abstract all data is lost. The submitted/draft abstracts cannot be edited after the submission deadline **(Wednesday 1st November – midnight UK time)**.

9. Please ensure that your abstract does not contain spelling, grammatical or scientific errors. No corrections are possible after the submission deadline. The abstract will be reproduced exactly as submitted. No proof reading will be done.

10. If you need to withdraw your abstract, a written statement reflecting the reasons for this decision must be sent to: SWSD2018Abstracts@mci-group.com no later than **Thursday 8th February 2018**.

AFTER THE SUBMISSION

1. The reviewers will judge the abstracts according to the relevance to SWSD 2018. They will assess the standard of English, objectivity of statements, description of the work, suitability of methods to aims, conclusions confirmed by objective results, ethics, scientific value, potential scientific value, originality of work and overall impression. Papers will be placed in the programme as per the judges' decision, judges' decisions are final.

2. The submitting author will be notified from **Wednesday 17th January 2018** whether the abstract has been accepted. Notifications will be sent via email to the email address provided during submission. It is the authors' responsibility to ensure that emails from SWSD 2018 can reach them. Within the notification authors will be informed of the date, time and form of the presentation.

PUBLICATION POLICY

All abstracts accepted for presentation (oral or poster) will be published within the official abstract book of the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF ABSTRACTS

1. Abstracts can be accepted either as an Oral, Poster, Short Presentation, Workshop or Symposium.

2. If your abstract is accepted as a poster, you will be requested to be available for discussion during the corresponding moderated poster viewing session held during the Congress.

3. Posters should be designed to be A0 size (84cm X 119cm or 33in X 47in) and should be portrait (not landscape)

4. Please use letters large enough to be read from a distance of 1.5 metres (4.9 feet).

5. A speaker preview room will be available and each presenter is required to hand in their presentation before the session. No personal computers will be allowed. Files must be prepared on PowerPoint 2003/2007 format on a USB stick.

6. Presentations will be given further information on length of lecture and presentation details closer to the meeting.

7. Full presentation guidelines will be included in the acceptance letter and posted on the conference website.

PROBLEMS SUBMITTING?

If you experience any kind of problem or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the abstract management team on the contact details below:

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