



**SPPA**  
Social Pedagogy  
Professional Association

# Newsletter

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## SPPA Founding membership now available



SPPA launched founding membership in early March 2017. Those who have an interest in social pedagogy and commit to the SPPA Charter of social pedagogy values and principles can become Founding Members of SPPA if they join by 31st December 2017.

As Founding Members, you'll have access to continuous professional development opportunities and online resources, be part of a growing, supportive community and much more! You will keep your Founding Member status for life and be known as a pioneer in years to come. Founding membership costs £70 for one year. Concessions and group discounts available.

Find out more at [www.sppa-uk.org/membership](http://www.sppa-uk.org/membership)

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**4<sup>th</sup> May - Free webinar on Developing risk competence**

[Register now](#)

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**Focused learning day in Edinburgh on 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Join us in discussing [how to handle a moral dilemma](#)

# 3

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October – AGM and inaugural conference in London**

We'll explore social pedagogy as ['education in its broadest sense'](#)

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### Qualifications

Crossfields Institute's Level 3 Diploma in Social Pedagogy is now live. [Find out how you can apply](#)



## Scotland Focused Learning Day: How to handle a moral dilemma on 5<sup>th</sup> July

Join us for our first focused learning day on 5<sup>th</sup> July on how to handle moral dilemmas. The course will take place in Edinburgh.

This course is for anyone who works or volunteers in any aspect of social care or education with children or adults, and who experiences professional moral dilemmas.

Soren Kayser, University College Capital, Denmark and Nicola Boyce, Social Pedagogy Trainer at St Christopher's Fellowship in London will work with a variety of methods, including presentations, discussions and reflection in groups.

We will also be introducing the SPPA Scotland national network.

[Click here to book your place](#)

# SPPA inaugural conference

**6<sup>th</sup> October at Woburn House, London WC1H 9HQ**

The first SPPA conference entitled 'Education in its broadest sense' will be an opportunity to make links between children's social care and other settings where a social pedagogic approach may be relevant. As the professional home for social pedagogy in the UK, we aim to provide a place and space where everyone interested in social pedagogy can learn, debate, network, share good practice and gain new ideas.

The members only SPPA AGM will be held the evening before the conference on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

## Keynote speakers

Confirmed keynote speakers include Professor Peter Moss, Thomas Coram Research Unit at the UCL Institute of Education and Nicola Boyce, Social Pedagogy Trainer at St Christopher's Fellowship.

[Find out more about our speakers](#)

## Call for posters and workshops

We encourage you to submit your poster abstracts and workshop ideas.



## SPPA launched at The British Academy

We held a fantastically successful [SPPA launch](#) on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at the British Academy in London.

Prof Becky Francis, Director of UCL Institute of Education interviewed Lemn Sissay MBE, British Poet and Chancellor of Manchester University about social disadvantage, education and social pedagogy. SPPA's trustees Amanda Orchard and Helen Jones chaired the event.

Managers from St. Christopher's Fellowship and London Borough of Hackney discussed the impact of social pedagogy on their organisations and most importantly, the people they care for.

Prof Pat Petrie and Prof Claire Cameron, Centre for Understanding Social Pedagogy, UCL Institute of Education talked about the need to scale up social pedagogy and why SPPA is being established.

**Here's what colleagues have to say about the launch, SPPA and the impact of social pedagogy:**

[www.sppa-uk.org/events/sppa-launch](http://www.sppa-uk.org/events/sppa-launch)



## SPPA at the SPDN

SPPA attended the [Social Pedagogy Development Network](#) on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at West Kent College in Tonbridge, Kent. Our trustee Helen Jones was interviewed by SPPA volunteer Janet Grauberg about SPPA, the relationship between SPDN and SPPA, and our membership offer.

[Read the full interview transcript](#)



## Social Pedagogy MOOC

A social pedagogy MOOC (massive open online course) is in preparation, as a cooperation between universities and training providers in seven European countries. Led by ThemPra Social Pedagogy and co-funded by EU Erasmus+, it will be piloted in Autumn 2017. Find out more about the course and how you can join as a pilot learner [here](#).



## Free webinar on Developing risk competence on 4<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30 pm

Join us for a one hour free webinar aimed at practitioners and managers working with children and young people in a variety of educational and care settings. Through this webinar, Sylvia Holthoff and Gabriel Eichsteller from ThemPra will outline the importance and benefits of taking risks, explaining how practitioners can support children and young people in developing greater risk competence.

[Find out more](#)

## Social pedagogy around the world today

### USA

Danish pedagogue Mette Christiansen leading on the Bachelor degree in Human Services at City University, New York reports successfully expanding the social pedagogic theme in her classes.

### Finland

The Finnish Social Pedagogy Association runs an annual conference for around 200 students, staff and practitioners from across a wide range of services. Prof. Claire Cameron was the keynote speaker at the most recent event on 6<sup>th</sup> April, where she was talking about 'Dimensions of Social Pedagogic Relationships in Comparative Perspective'.

### Vietnam

A major programme is underway to develop a new profession to work with children with special needs in schools. An EU Erasmus+ project led by Danish University College Zealand, with partners from the University of Gent, Belgium, the occupational model is part social pedagogue, part occupational therapist.

### Serbia

A new bachelor programme in social pedagogy have recently been accredited at the University of Nis, as part of an EU Tempus programme with support from UCL, University College Zealand, Denmark, and University of Catania, Italy.

### Cross-national

A new book is in production called 'Social Pedagogies in Europe' edited by Niels Rosendahl Jensen. This will profile social pedagogy in five national contexts including Germany, Italy, Spain, Denmark and the UK and will provide a state of the art in relation to theory and practice.

A cross national invitation only seminar is in preparation in Germany, called 'Social pedagogy as a 'Transnational Phenomenon', with contributions from Scotland and Belgium. It will be held in Autumn 2017.

**Read more about Social Pedagogy around the world under our 'News' section [here](#).**

## Qualifications

Crossfields Institute's Level 3 Diploma in Social Pedagogy is now open for application for both the Top-Up Assessment and Full Qualification. [Jacaranda](#) and [ThemPra](#), UK pioneers in social pedagogy learning and development, are approved to deliver the Diploma. Please visit [www.sppa-uk.org/qualifications](http://www.sppa-uk.org/qualifications) or contact Gulsh Khatun: [g.khatun@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:g.khatun@ucl.ac.uk) for more information.

The University of Salford have established an MA in Social Pedagogy, recruiting now for September 2018. A one year programme supported during its development phase by SPDN members and those working in professional and community settings. The MA includes a module about developing community leadership and involves students in sharing learning and the coproduction of services.

The above approach will be highlighted as part of a 'Making Research Count' event being held by the University of Salford at Media City between 9 am and 1 pm on 26 May. Contact Jameel Hadi for details: [J.Hadi@salford.ac.uk](mailto:J.Hadi@salford.ac.uk)

## We'd love to hear from you!

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