



## Crossfields Institute Level 3 Diploma in Social Pedagogy

We're excited to announce that the new Crossfields Institute Level 3 Diploma in Social Pedagogy is now on the Ofqual register. Developed by ThemPra and Jacaranda in partnership with SPPA and Crossfields Institute, the Diploma will provide an excellent development opportunity for people working in care and education across the age range. The qualification aims to benefit learners in the following ways:

- ▶ You'll become familiar with foundational principles in social pedagogical practice, its core theoretical concepts and how you can apply these in your practice setting.
- ▶ You'll engage in experiential and interactive group learning with face-to-face seminars that bring social pedagogy to life, stimulate new ideas and focus on learning transfer into practice.
- ▶ You'll be able to demonstrate that your practice meets SPPA's social pedagogy standards.
- ▶ You'll be able to progress to a qualification at a higher level in social pedagogy and to develop your career in practice fields related to social pedagogy.

You can find out more at [www.sppa-uk.org/qualifications](http://www.sppa-uk.org/qualifications) and [register your interest here](#).

## SPPA Founding membership to be launched in early 2017

We are about to launch SPPA Founding membership in early 2017. Membership benefits will include continuous professional development opportunities such as a conference, focused learning days and webinars, networking, access to online resources and an online forum. Further details will be available soon! [Find out more about membership](#) and [join our mailing list](#) to get regular updates from us.



Photo: Participants in a social pedagogy course.

## SPPA Launch on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017

We will launch SPPA on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at the British Academy in London. Join us for a conversation with Lemn Sissay MBE, British poet and actor and Prof. Becky Francis, Director at UCL Institute of Education on social inequality and the power of education to change it. This will be followed by managers talking about the impact of social pedagogy. Places are limited and are on a first come, first served basis as we want to ensure representation from various sectors, backgrounds and fields of work. The venue has limited seating, but the event will be live streamed to the connecting room and on the [social pedagogy vimeo channel](#) so that more people can join us. If you are interested to attend, email [sppa@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:sppa@ucl.ac.uk).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming free webinars - 12.30-1.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2017

Topic: What is social pedagogy?

Speakers: Prof Claire Cameron and Prof Pat Petrie, Thomas Coram Research Unit (TCRU), UCL Institute of Education

*A conversation about the field of social pedagogy, its origins and its theoretical perspectives*

[Register for your free place now](#)

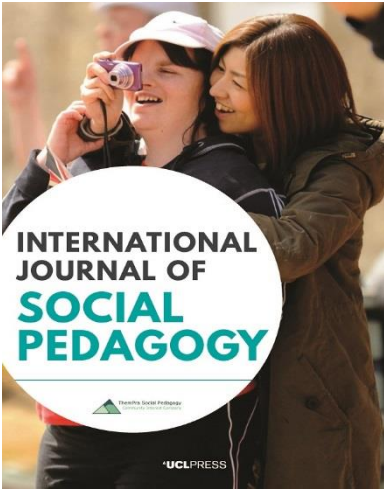
SPPA Launch – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at the British Academy, London

Limited spaces. Email [sppa@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:sppa@ucl.ac.uk) if you're interested to attend.

SPDN – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Tonbridge, Kent

We are collaborating in planning the next SPDN. [Further details](#)

[Access free online videos on social pedagogy](#)



## International Journal of Social Pedagogy

In 2016 the [International Journal of Social Pedagogy](#) was adopted by UCL Press and the first issue published under new arrangements will be in February 2017. As part of the transition we were delighted to accept an SPDN members' photograph for the journal's cover image. Guest edited by Mark Smith (Edinburgh University), the upcoming joint special issue focuses on love in professional practice and has been co-produced with the Scottish Journal of Residential Child Care. It includes a broad range of insightful practice accounts, research articles and theoretical papers.

## SPPA Founding Trustees

Helen Jones and Amanda Orchard have joined the SPPA team as Founding Trustees. They will be focusing on supporting SPPA in achieving charitable status as well as overseeing SPPA's activities.

## SPPA – the legacy project of the Head, Heart, Hands Programme

SPPA is a legacy project from the Head, Heart, Hands programme run by The Fostering Network. Claire Cameron spoke at the final HHH conference on 23 November and the project team Carla Aylmore and Gulsh Khatun spoke to many participants interested in joining SPPA, registering for qualifications and getting involved. Many thanks to TFN for the opportunity.



Prof Pat Petrie speaking at The Fostering Network's HHH Conference.

## Social Pedagogy in Portugal

On 25 October 2016 over 100 students of social work, early childhood education and social pedagogy at the University of Coimbra, Portugal heard Professor Claire Cameron talk about how the UK has learned from continental Europe and begun to introduce social pedagogy into children's and other services in the UK. Some students were interested in coming to the UK to see practice developments for themselves.



Gulsh Khatun and Andy Carter discussing by the SPPA stand at the Fostering Network Conference.

## Thank you

We would like to thank all those who participated in helping us choose the SPPA logo, given us feedback on the SPPA website, and helped us identify topics that you'd want SPPA to discuss next year. We really appreciate it!

## Help spread the word

Please help us spread the word about SPPA and the qualifications. You can download the [SPPA membership flyer \(pdf\)](#) and the [Crossfields Institute Level 3 Diploma in Social Pedagogy flyer \(pdf\)](#).

## Follow us on social media

See details below.

## We'd like to hear from you!