**Social Pedagogy Professional Association**

The Social Pedagogy Professional Association (SPPA) is the professional home for social pedagogy in the UK. We aim to promote best practice and establish a centre of excellence for the theory and practice of social pedagogy. Find out more about [who we are](http://www.sppa-uk.org/about-us/who-we-are/) and [what we do](http://www.sppa-uk.org/about-us/what-we-do/).

**SPPA membership**
When you join us as a SPPA member, you’ll be part of a supportive community that is actively raising the profile of social pedagogy in the UK. You’ll have access to continuous professional development opportunities such as conferences, focused learning days, webinars, online resources, and networking opportunities.

Founding membership will be launched in early 2017. It’s open to anyone who has an interest and/or background in social pedagogy and who will sign up to the [Social Pedagogy Charter](http://www.sppa-uk.org/about-us/social-pedagogy-charter/) and uphold its values and commitments.

Visit [www.sppa-uk.org/membership](http://www.sppa-uk.org/membership) for further information. You can also [join our mailing list](http://www.sppa-uk.org/join-our-mailing-list/) to receive regular updates on our activities.

**SPPA Launch**We will be launching SPPA on 21st February 2017 at the British Academy in London. Prof. Becky Francis, Director of UCL Institute of Education (IOE) will be interviewing Lemn Sissay MBE, British Poet and Chancellor of Manchester University about social disadvantage and the power of education to change it. This will be followed by managers sharing the positive impact of social pedagogy. Prof Claire Cameron and Prof Pat Petrie from the Centre of Understanding Social Pedagogy (CUSP) at the IOE will then explain why we have decided to establish SPPA.

Spaces are still available but on a first come, first served policy as we want to ensure representation from various backgrounds, sectors and fields of work. The venue has limited seating but we will be live streaming to a connecting room and on the [SPPA youtube channel](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkIl0_1z2ww) so that more people can join us.

Email sppa@ucl.ac.uk if you are interested to attend.

**Crossfields Institute Level 3 Diploma in Social Pedagogy**

The Crossfields Institute Level 3 Diploma in Social Pedagogy has been developed by SPPA’s partners Jacaranda and ThemPra, with Crossfields Institute. The Diploma in Social Pedagogy is for people working in care and education across the age range. Delivered over 8 days, the Diploma draws on experiential, active and reflective learning methods to:

•    Develop practice by integrating social pedagogical theories and principles
•    Practice with greater self-confidence, intention and creativity
•    Develop important interpersonal strengths such as communication, relational and reflective skills

Accreditation support will also be available to those who previously trained with Jacaranda and ThemPra.

The diploma will be available from early 2017 in all four UK nations.

Further information: [www.sppa-uk.org/qualifications/](http://www.sppa-uk.org/qualifications/). For queries, contact Gulsh Khatun, Course Administrator at g.khatun@ucl.ac.uk.

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