

Spaces of Belonging: Exploring Social Pedagogy as a Framework for Connection, Creativity and Care

2 September 2026
Preliminary Programme

10.00	Registration		
10.30	Welcome		
11.00	Unconscious Bias, Intersectionality, and Social Identity Theory Jonathan Stanley Workshop	The Insight Model: A Social Pedagogical Approach to Reflective Practice in Children's Homes Janine Simpson and Claire James Workshop	Sleep, belonging, identity and social pedagogy Cecile Remy Workshop
12.30	Lunch		
13.30	The Twisting House - using creative non-fiction to explore challenges in public services Sharon Court Discussion Forum	Designing education experiences with horses to develop social skills and emotional wellbeing: supporting the most vulnerable Carla Solvason Discussion Forum	Shakespeare as a Playing field Maggie Tildesley Discussion Forum
14.15	Break		
14.45	'Grab a heart with a power of your mind' - When 'working with' approach supports positive change and brings a sense of belonging Alicja Kabat-Pastwa Workshop	Social educators and Educationalist in Italian Social Service Teams: Collaboration with Social Workers and Psychologists Gianvincenzo Nicodemo Discussion Forum	Drama in Education: Imagination, Inclusion, and Social Pedagogy Through the Common Third Stuart Rushden Workshop
16.15	Break		
16.45	You're Already Doing It: Recognising Social Pedagogy in Practice Milada Kovalikova Lightning Talk		
17.00	Reflection and Closure of Day 1		

Spaces of Belonging: Exploring Social Pedagogy as a Framework for Connection, Creativity and Care

3 September 2026
Preliminary Programme

9.00	Registration		
9.30	Welcome		
10.00	Habermas's communicative action in your lifespace Jonathan Stanley Workshop	Utopia as Method: Imagining Social Pedagogy as the Invisible Architecture of Society Emma Laurence Workshop	From Isolation to Interconnection: Somatics, Storytelling, and the Work That Reconnects Zoe Matthews & Julia Hollaender Workshop
11.30	Break		
12.00	Do we need a framework of supportive challenge in contemporary children's homes? Ben O'Farrell Discussion Forum	Finding joy and belonging in work with children Angela Hodgkins Discussion Forum	The relevance of Human Learning Systems for Social Pedagogy Gabriel Eichsteller Discussion Forum
12.45	Lunch		
13.45	From Croeso to Cartref: Towards A Welsh Social Pedagogical Framework for Belonging Alison Prowle and Antonia Lane Workshop	Music making with a message brings us together and takes us onwards Jonathan Stanley Workshop	An introduction into small crafts that can be used a common third with individuals and groups Roger Hiley Workshop
15.15	Break		
15.45	The use of self by Outdoor Professionals Roger Hiley Lightning Talk		
16.00	Reflection and Closure of the Gathering		