

‘Social welfare ethics: Learning professional wisdom, courage and compassion’

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Durham University

About the Conference

This event will comprise of a mixture of plenary presentations, discussion and smaller workshops with a focus on developing learning and teaching about ethics in the social professions (social work and community and youth work).

This is the first event organised by Professor Sarah Banks under the banner of the newly formed **Ethics and Social Welfare** network. It will have a particular focus on ‘moral character’ in professional education (as opposed to simply focusing on ‘conduct’). We will consider the contested nature of ‘moral character’, whether this can be learnt and developed and how it links with judgements about ‘suitability for practice’. The event will also provide an opportunity to engage in dialogue and debate and to share good practice in teaching and learning about professional ethics in social, youth and community work. We will use the occasion formally to launch the **Ethics and Social Welfare** network and agree future activities.

Speakers include Dr Ann Gallagher (Reader in Nursing Ethics, University of Surrey), Professor Joan Orme (Emeritus Professor of Social Work in the Glasgow School of Social Work) and service users will be providing their perspective of an ethically good practitioner.



Conference Supported by the Social Work and Social Policy subject centre of the Higher Education Academy (SWAP)

Further Information and Bookings

For full details of the programme and information on how to book go to
www.swap.ac.uk/events/swapevents/150509ethics.html

Please note that this is a no-charge event, but that a cost of £25 per person is to be paid on the day to cover the costs of refreshments and to subsidise service user attendance.

Programme

- 1030** Arrivals, tea and coffee
- 1100** Introduction
- 1115** Plenary presentations and interaction
- 1 'Developing professional wisdom: issues of moral character in professional education in health and social care'. Dr Ann Gallagher, Reader in Nursing Ethics, University of Surrey
 - 2 'The place of values and ethics in "readiness to practice" in qualifying social work education', Professor Joan Orme, Emeritus Professor of Social Work in the Glasgow School of Social Work, a joint school of the Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde
 - 3 Discussion and debate about 'learning to be ethical'
- 1200** Lunch
- 1300** Service user perspectives on the "ethically good practitioner"
- 1330** Workshops (3-4 on very practical aspects of ethical teaching and learning, including virtues in social work, developing moral character in young people)
- 1500** Tea
- 1530** Interactive plenary and planning the network
- 1600** Close

Ethics & Social Welfare



Ethics and Social Welfare publishes articles of a critical and reflective nature concerned with the ethical issues surrounding social welfare practice and policy. It has a particular focus on social work (including practice with individuals, families and small groups), social care, youth and community work and related professions.

The aim of the journal is to encourage dialogue and debate across social, intercultural and international boundaries on the serious ethical issues relating to professional interventions into social life. Through this we hope to contribute towards deepening understandings and further ethical practice in the field of social welfare.