

Full call for papers

Challenging questions and ethical obligations ~ the ethics of everyday practice
21st January 2015, Royal College of Nursing, Central London

Submissions

Themes

Theme 1 - Situated ethics

Submissions to this theme might typically explore, report on, describe or critique a unique aspect of a health or social care event, from one or more perspectives. Submissions will be interesting by the nature of the challenging questions they provoke, or the multiple obligations they illuminate. Specific components of relationships, of a particular situation or set of circumstances, or of the different demands influencing actions may be used to investigate the usefulness of concepts such as fairness, kindness, best interests, respect or truth telling.

Theme 2 - Ethics in and of learning

Submissions to this theme might explore, report on, describe or critique aspects of health or social care ethics in learning contexts. This could include formal education, work place / clinical training or informal peer, social, collegial, disciplinary or interdisciplinary networks. Learning with and from patients, people using services, families, paid or informal carers will be of particular interest. Submissions will be interesting by the nature of the challenging questions they provoke, the multiple obligations they illuminate and the new contributions they make to the field of learning and development. Current approaches to ethics education may be appraised in terms of their usefulness in practical situations.

Theme 3 - Open theme

For this third theme, submissions on any relevant research, practice or experience is welcome; however, the criteria for acceptance must be met explicitly. In particular, the challenging questions or multiple obligations provoked and illuminated by the submission should be made evident. This theme provides an opportunity to explore such diverse interests as current policy initiatives and ethical practice, the place of faith(s) in ethics education or practice, ethical issues in specialist areas of health or care, or lived experiences -- or might make a broader critique of ethics in health, or related projects such as compassionate care or professionalism.

Criteria for acceptance

All types of submission should meet the following criteria:

1. Submissions must be written or use visuals in an inclusive way likely to engage non-specialist audiences and diverse groups.
2. The content and presentation style needs to be accessible to and respectful of a broad audience crossing patient, carer, disciplinary and specialist groups.

3. Relevance to the conference purpose and one of the three themes must be made explicit.
4. Aspects of health or social care ought to provide the basis of submissions, with an emphasis on everyday practices rather than abstract concepts.
5. Particular ethical ideas, concerns or moral problems need to be explored in interesting ways in the submission, in language that is clear and meaningful to a broad and non-specialist audience.

Submission of abstracts (see form)

- Abstracts must be no longer than 500 words, excluding references.
- Two copies must be submitted, one with your name, affiliations and any identifying social media addresses for publication on the website, and one fully anonymised for peer review purposes.
- You must indicate your first, second and third preference for presentation type.
- Please indicate which of the three themes your submission addresses.
- Please use the optional and confidential section of the form to indicate if you wish to apply for a discounted fee.
- Please use the submission help sections of the web page and contact us if you would like further help or advice.

Thank you very much for your interest and we look forward to your submission

The conference organising team.