

Royal College of Nursing conference and exhibition for nurses working with children and young people

Children and families: cutting edge or on the edge?

Friday 19 – Saturday 20 September 2008
Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

This conference is aimed at individuals and agencies who provide care and support for children, young people and their families.

Call for papers

Abstracts are invited for poster, concurrent, workshop and symposium sessions and should fall into one of the following themes:

- Visions and nightmares: learning from and celebrating children and young people's nursing
- Rights, ethics and legal perspectives
- Learning from children, young people and families
- Collaborative learning
- Something to say? Outside the box

Ideally your submission should relate to one of the above themes, although other areas will be considered. Abstracts are also welcome from colleagues in other professions (as individuals or jointly with nurses).

Exhibit! Advertise! Promote!

The children and young people annual conference and exhibition provides you with an unrivalled opportunity to connect directly with a significant group of the UK's leading children and young people's nurses. There are a number of ways for you to be involved in the exhibition giving you the opportunity to network and raise your profile within this specialist nursing arena. Packages can be tailored to help achieve specific objectives. For further information please contact the exhibitions team on 0208 872 3119 or email exhibitions@rcnpublishing.co.uk.

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Abstract purpose

The purpose of the abstract is twofold. Firstly, it will enable the Scientific Committee to make an informed anonymous decision on the suitability of the abstract for the conference programme. Secondly, the abstract will provide participants attending the conference with written information to support the presentation.

Poster presentation

Poster presentations are visual displays of material to be presented and exhibited throughout the duration of the conference. Posters have the potential to reach a wide audience, and constitute an interactive medium which is best suited to the presentation of factual data e.g. project design of findings.

Concurrent session

Concurrent session papers are presented orally. Presenters are allocated a maximum of 20 minutes presentation followed by 10 minutes of discussion and questions.

Workshop

Workshops are interactive sessions of 60 or 90 minutes duration where the presenter works with participants to develop their knowledge and understanding within a specific field. A workshop is lead by an expert within the field and may be pitched at a novice, intermediate or advanced level.

Symposium

Symposiums are presentations of between three and five papers with a shared focus. The duration of a symposium is 60 or 90 minutes. The symposium must have a nominated leader to co-ordinate the submission. Each author must submit their paper using the 23 submission points and the leader must submit a paper to include:

1. An outline of the symposium proposed
2. Itemise the individual papers and their authors
3. Explicitly demonstrate how the papers will link together
4. Identify who will chair the symposium

Conference venue

Thistle Hotel, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, GL1 0TS
Tel: 0870 333 9131 Web: www.thistlehotels.com

Accommodation

We have negotiated special accommodation rates at the Thistle Hotel. Single occupancy rooms are £95 and twin/double rooms are £52.50 per person, both inclusive of breakfast. Please call the hotel's reservation line Tel: 0870 333 9231 quoting RCN conference.

Conference dinner

A conference dinner will be held at the Thistle Hotel on Friday 19 September 2008. Open to all delegates and guests, tickets cost just £32.00 each.

Conference fees

	Early bird to 07/07/08	Standard from 08/07/08
RCN member	£240.00	£280.00
Non member	£280.00	£320.00
Day rates		
RCN member	£130.00	£150.00
Non member	£150.00	£170.00

To book your place

Download the booking form from www.rcn.org.uk/events or call event registrations on Tel: 029 2054 6460 to book over the phone using your debit/credit card. If you have any queries, please call Holly Peppiatt on Tel: 020 7647 3580 or email: jointpaediatric@rcn.org.uk.

Abstract submission

In order to facilitate the process of selecting and processing abstracts, RCN Events require the following information to be compiled by the author. Please send to the conference organiser via email to: jointpaediatric@rcn.org.uk

Please ensure that you supply ALL the requested information. Failure to do so may affect your application.

Template for submission

We recommend that you use a template for submission. Please log onto: www.rcn.org.uk/cypzone and follow the quick link to the conference listing.

Please provide the following information:

Personal details

1. Title (Prof/Dr/Miss/Mrs/Ms/Mr/other)
2. Name
3. Qualifications
4. Job title
5. Workplace
6. If appropriate, co-presenter's name, job title, workplace and mailing address
7. Mailing address
8. Post code
9. Country
10. RCN membership no. (if applicable)
11. Day time telephone number
12. Mobile number
13. Fax number
14. E-mail address
15. Theme of paper (please refer to the themes overleaf)
16. Mode of presentation (please refer to bullets opposite)
17. First time presenter – yes or no

Abstract information

18. Title of paper
19. Overall aim of the paper
20. An abstract of your presentation (maximum 300 words)
21. 3 intended learning outcomes
22. 3 reading references
23. Your professional biography

CHECK YOUR SUBMISSION BEFORE YOU SEND IT – RESPONSES TO ALL 23 POINTS MUST BE PROVIDED!

****please note****

- **Deadline for receipt of abstracts is 11 January 2008**
- Abstract submissions should be e-mailed to: jointpaediatric@rcn.org.uk
- The decision of the scientific committee to accept or reject submissions is final
- The scientific committee reserve the right to offer the appropriate mode of presentation to meet the overall needs of the conference
- All participants chosen to present papers must register and pay to be eligible to present their paper
- The conference committee regrets that it is unable to meet any travel or subsistence expenses
- All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference programme when authors have registered for the conference