

## **EUSARF 2012 Glasgow Call for Papers** **4 – 7 September 2012**

### **All Our Children** *Positive Experiences, Successful Outcomes for Looked After and other Vulnerable Children*

### **12th International EUSARF Conference**

*Incorporating*

10th International Looking After Children Conference  
&  
Inaugural International Conference of  
Centre of Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS)

Glasgow, Scotland

This conference aims to bring together researchers and academics, practitioners, managers and policy makers to address issues facing vulnerable children and young people, and their families. In times of global instability and economic volatility there is an added urgency to ensure that professional interventions in the lives of children and young people are timely, effective and child-centred.

The Conference Organising Committee is inviting submission of abstracts to present your work at EUSARF's Twelfth International Conference. In 2012, the Conference also incorporates the 10<sup>th</sup> International Looking After Children Conference and the Inaugural International Conference of the Centre of Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS).

### **Conference Themes**

Each day of the conference will focus on a different stage of childhood development: infancy and the early years; middle childhood; adolescence and maturity. Within this framework, three overarching themes will be explored:

- *Perspectives of Children and Young People*  
The voice of the child and participation is central to positive experiences of care, and is essential to working with children and young people and their families. This theme will include empirical studies which highlight the perspectives of children and young people and policy and practice developments which support the participation of children and young people and their families.

- *Organisational Change*

Social work and other agencies are currently undergoing increasing pressures for change, due to economic and financial constraints and the need to improve quality and standards. This theme will address research on the effects of organisational change, and the implications for policy and practice. It will also address policy and practice developments in areas such as organisational restructuring, inter-professional and inter-agency working, and professional decision-making.

- *Effective Intervention*

This theme will address research and practice on measuring outcomes and effectiveness. It will include empirical studies of interventions with vulnerable children and families, studies of implementation and the issues raised, discussion of the process and principles of intervention, measuring outcomes and effectiveness of interventions.

## **Abstracts**

Abstracts are invited for oral presentations. Abstracts can be uploaded at [www.eusarf2012.org](http://www.eusarf2012.org) from Tuesday 31 January.

Further details are given below.

Suggestions for Symposia (grouped presentations) are welcome. Individual presenters in proposed Symposia should submit their abstracts as above. Convenors of proposed Symposia should submit a brief rationale to the Organising Committee at [eusarf2012@strath.ac.uk](mailto:eusarf2012@strath.ac.uk)

## **Awards**

Two awards will be presented at EUSARF 2012:

- EUSARF Award for the best abstract submitted by an Early Career Researcher\*
- CELCIS Award for the best abstract submitted by a Practitioner

When submitting your abstract, please indicate if you wish to be considered for this award. Further details will be requested from those who are shortlisted for each award.

\* Early Career Researcher will be defined as a PhD student, or an individual who gained their PhD no more than two years prior to submission of abstract, or an academic or researcher who has been in post no more than four years prior to submission.

## **Abstract instructions in detail**

### **Title:**

Type the abstract title in upper and lower case letters (do not use all capitals letters). Use a short title which gives a clear description of the presentation.

### **Authors:**

First Name, Last Name, (Affiliation, Country)

Co-authors: Name(s) (Affiliation(s), Country)

The presenting author's name should be given first.

No more than two presentations are to be given by one individual. Correspondence will be sent to the presenting author only, by email.

All presenting authors must attend the conference. Travel funds will not be available but authors of accepted abstracts will eligible for a reduced registration fee until 31 May 2012. There will also be special registration price for authors from developing countries.

All accepted abstracts will be published as submitted. Abstracts are limited to a maximum of 250 words. Please do not submit an abstract more than once. All abstracts should be submitted online. We can only consider abstracts that are submitted through [www.eusarf.org](http://www.eusarf.org) between 31 January and 20 February 2012. It is hoped that authors will be informed of the status of their papers by 23 March 2012.

Abstracts should be as informative as possible, including a brief statement of the aims and objectives of the presentation, the methods of research or a summary of practice and policy developments; findings or critical appraisal, and conclusions and recommendations Actual data should be summarized.

Presentation time: oral presentations 20 minutes (including 5 minutes for discussion).

### **Important Dates**

Opening Date for Abstract Submission:	31 January
Closing Date for Abstract Submission:	20 February
Abstract Status Notification to Authors:	23 March
Closing Date for Early Bird Author Registration:	31 May