

**7 - 9 September 2011**

## **Beyond Belief: Religion and Belief in Professional Practice**

**University of Bradford, UK**

### **Call for Papers**

#### **About the conference**

This international conference aims to stimulate discussion among academics, practitioners, policy makers, carers, service providers and users and contribute to the evidence base relating to religion and belief.

Religion and belief often play a very significant role in determining the ways in which people interpret events, resolve dilemmas, make decisions and view themselves, their own actions and the actions of others.

Contemporary health and social care is practised in a richly diverse, multi-ethnic and multi-faith society; a society in which religious and other beliefs are of crucial importance to many and play some role in shaping the worldview of most. Service providers and policy makers need to ensure that their services are accessible, appropriate and meet the needs of those identifying with different religions as well as those who do not. Practitioners (whether they have specific religious or spiritual beliefs or none) need to recognise the potential impact of their reactions to people who espouse beliefs and values which differ from their own.

#### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

Submission of abstracts by:	31 January 2011
Full programme available:	30 April 2011
Conference registration opens:	30 April 2011
Early bird registration closes:	30 June 2011

#### **For further details of the conference, please contact either:**

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We would like to invite papers and workshop presentations from a wide range of disciplines and fields that include academics, practitioners, policy makers, service providers, members of faith groups and other individuals. All should fall within at least one of the themes listed below. Papers may cover current research interests, service innovations, practices and interventions. Papers will be allocated approximately 20 minutes and 10 minutes discussion time. Workshops will be allocated 45 minutes and should aim to engage participants in an activity.

Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words long and include the title of the paper along with contact details of the author or authors. Authors can submit their proposals on-line at:

[www.brad.ac.uk/events/belief/abstract.php](http://www.brad.ac.uk/events/belief/abstract.php) (papers) or  
[www.brad.ac.uk/events/belief/workshop.php](http://www.brad.ac.uk/events/belief/workshop.php)  
(workshops). The final submission date for papers is 31 January 2011. All abstracts will be reviewed by the organisers and authors will be informed of the outcome by March 2011. Authors will be encouraged to submit their papers for consideration by relevant journals that have agreed to publish special editions on this topic.

#### **Themes**

- Education and training
- Safeguarding issues
- Mental health
- Faith-based perspectives
- Policy and planning
- Practice and ethics

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