



## **SOCIAL WORK ACTION NETWORK CONFERENCE SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

### **Radical Social Work in Tumultuous Times: Fighting for Equality and Social Justice!**

This year's conference is a one-day affair, packed to the rafters with speakers of outstanding calibre representing local campaign groups, families and individuals working with social workers, professionals and academics from across the social work world. These also include speakers from various activist and other social worker groupings such as SWWB; Stand Up to Racism; DPAC; UNISON; BASW; PALUK, SWWB, Open Nest, and the ReFrame Collective.

Book at <https://store.hope.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/faculty-of-science/swan-conference>

The conference takes place against a backdrop of growing economic crisis, continuing austerity, Government meltdown over Brexit and the growth of right-wing populism and racism (in the UK and internationally). From Brazil to Hungary, right wing politicians are trying to push back gains made over generations for women's, LGBT+, workers and indigenous rights. But it's not all gone their way. Over the last year we have witnessed the magnificent victory for women's rights in 8th Amendment campaign in Ireland and growth of the French anti-austerity 'yellow vest' movement.

What has been the impact of austerity and cuts on children's, adults' or mental health services? In the face of managerialism, how do we retain our values? How do we counter the rise of racism and Islamophobia? What do we say to counter Transphobia? How do we support refugee rights? How can we support the struggles of Palestinians?

### **Location**

Creative Campus, Everton Campus, Liverpool Hope University L6 1HP. This is less than a mile away from Liverpool's main railway station, Liverpool Lime Street, at junction of Islington and Shaw Street, well within walking distance of the station or short bus ride from Queen Square Bus Station. Satnav: Shaw Street, L6 1HP

### **Registration fee**

£15 Student and £20 Non-student

There are a small number of free places available to service users and asylum seekers. Please contact Lauren Whiston and provide your name and contact details at [whistol@hope.ac.uk](mailto:whistol@hope.ac.uk) if you wish to be considered for a free place. Please also contact Lauren Whiston if you need to arrange Blue Badge parking.

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