

Workshops and Speakers:

WORKSHOP A:

APPLYING THE VANGUARD METHOD TO PEOPLE-CENTRED SERVICES

- Joanne Gibson and Brendan O'Donovan, Consultants, Vanguard Consulting

WORKSHOP B:

APPLYING THE PRACTICAL SKILLS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION (PSTE) APPROACH: A THERAPEUTIC SKILLS WORKSHOP

- Constantin Court, Director for Practical Skills Therapeutic Education, Ruskin Mill Trust

WORKSHOP C:

EVIDENCING SUCCESS IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

- Keith Davis, Associate Professor, Faculty of Health, Social Care and Education, Kingston University and St George's, University of London

WORKSHOP D :

TRANSFORMATION AND CHANGE IN SOCIAL WORK: A REFLECTIVE WORKSHOP

- Farrukh Akhtar, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Health, Social Care and Education, Kingston University and St George's, University of London

WORKSHOP E:

COMPLEX ADOPTION: LARGE SIBLING GROUP ADOPTION AND 'IN-LIMBO' ADOPTIVE PLACEMENTS

- Ellen Paladini-Stone and Katie Law, Doctoral Students, Faculty of Health, Social Care and Education, Kingston University and St George's, University of London

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De Lissa Theatre, Kingston Hill Campus

New Directions in Social Work and Social Care

Friday, 24 March 2017

8:30am - 5.00pm

Chair:

Professor Malcolm Payne

Visiting Professor, Kingston University and
St George's, University of London

Plenary speakers:

Professor Brian Taylor

Ulster University

Constantin Court

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Conference Schedule		
08:30	Registration and coffee	KH.BS.0039 (Business School Atrium)
09:15-09:30	Welcome and introduction	KH.DL.0005 (De Lissa)
09:30 - 11:00	Plenary speakers	KH.DL.0005 (De Lissa)
11:00 - 11:30	Refreshment break	KH.DL.0005 (De Lissa)
11:30- 12:30	Plenary speakers	KH.DL.0005 (De Lissa)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Student Posters Presentation	KH.BS.0039 (Business School Atrium)
14:00 - 15:30	Conference workshops A, B, C, D, E	Various
15:30 - 16:00	Refreshment break	KH.DL.0005 (De Lissa)
16:00 - 17:00	Plenary speakers	KH.DL.0005 (De Lissa)

Conference Workshops			
Joanne Gibson and Brendan O'Donovan	Vanguard Consulting	Applying the Vanguard Method to People-Centred Services	BS0027
Constantin Court	Ruskin Mill Trust	Applying the Practical Skills Therapeutic Education approach: a therapeutic skills workshop	BS3036
Keith Davies	Kingston and St Georges	Evidencing success in social work practice	BS1002
Farrukh Akhtar	Kingston and St Georges	Transformation and change in social work: a reflective workshop	FL0014
Ellen Paladini-Stone and Katie Law	Kingston and St Georges	Complex adoption: large sibling group adoption and 'in-limbo' adoptive placements	FL2006

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Plenary speakers:

Professor Brian Taylor, Ulster University



Brian Taylor is a Professor of Social Work at Ulster University, Northern Ireland. Qualified in social work and teaching, he spent 12 years as a practitioner and manager, and then 15 years in professional training and organisational development in health and social care.

Brian's research and teaching interests are in professional judgement, decision-making processes, assessment tools, risk (assessment, communication and management) and use of knowledge to inform practice. He is principal organiser of the biennial international symposium: Decisions, Assessment, Risk and Evidence in Social Work (www.ulster.ac.uk/dare). He has supervised a range of PhD and other research projects on these topics, and his publications include the books: *Professional Decision Making and Risk in Social Work*; and *Understanding and Using Research in Social Work*.

Constantin Court, Ruskin Mill Trust



Constantin Court has been involved in working with challenging young people with a variety of difficulties and of all ages for more than 20 years in the national and international contexts. Originally from Germany he has been involved in initiatives in Germany, Israel, Switzerland, Egypt and England in caring and teaching capacity as well as staff trainer, lecturer, senior manager, care manager, project lead and head teacher.

Constantin is currently working for Ruskin Mill Trust as Director for Practical Skills Therapeutic Education and quality assuring the delivery of Ruskin Mill's unique method in the various centres of the Trust. For over 30 years Ruskin Mill Trust has been offering innovative education and care for young people who fall through the cracks of the mainstream system.

Joanne Gibson, Vanguard Consulting



Joanne Gibson has over 12 years experience in helping leaders to change the way they think about the design and management of work, having consulted on diverse projects in the public, voluntary and private sectors. Coming from a Housing background, Jo has developed expertise as a Vanguard consultant in methods for change which can be described as a combination of systems thinking ('how the work works') and intervention theory (how to change it). In particular Jo has extensive experience in working across organisations in localities, challenging traditional work boundaries and removing constraints to focus on the individual/citizen at the centre of these service(s).

Relevant public and third sector systems that Jo has worked in include housing allocations and lettings; housing benefits; council tax; adult social care assessment and care management; adaptations; children's services and child protection; plus experience of working on a 'Troubled Families' intervention. Recently Jo has been working to support the integration of health and social care services, focused on a common purpose.

Brendan O'Donovan, Vanguard Consulting



Brendan O'Donovan is Head of Research at Vanguard Consulting and a part-time PhD student at the University of Buckingham. Originally from a local authority background, Brendan joined Vanguard in 2007 and worked with Vanguard's founder Professor John Seddon on a series of publications. This included books such as *Systems Thinking in the Public Sector* (Seddon 2008); *Systems Thinking: From Heresy to Practice* (Seddon, O'Donovan and Zokaei (Eds) (2010) and *The Whitehall Effect* (Seddon 2014); academic articles such as *Scale service design in social security administration: The case of the United Kingdom's Universal Credit* (Seddon and O'Donovan 2013), *International Social Security Review*, 66, 1.

In 2010, Brendan completed an MSc in Operations Management from Cardiff University's Lean Enterprise Research Centre, with his dissertation being written on the subject of the application of the Vanguard Method in an adult social care service.