

# An International Conference on Youth Work and Youth Studies

Tuesday 7th - Thursday 9th September 2010

## Mind the Gap

Conversations on youth work and youth studies that contribute to research, theory and practice on work with young people



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Our sixth international conference crosses disciplinary boundaries to examine research, theories and practices that contribute to youth work and to our understandings of young people in the 21st century. The conference title, **Mind the Gap**, relates to many aspects of the theme of connecting research, theory and practice.

First, it is about the thinking and inquiring mind, sharing ideas or research findings, articulating practices and posing problems about the social conditions in which young people live.

Second, the Gap, resonates with inter-disciplinary/ cross-disciplinary perspectives and approaches, for example, distinctions between research in youth work and youth studies or practitioner and academic perspectives in synthesising theory with practice.

Third, taking the two together, Mind the Gap as our theme facilitates dialogue on how, with care, the inter-disciplinary terrain may be negotiated to the benefit of the research, academic and practice communities, and individual, or groups of, young people.

Finally, anyone who has used the rail network in the UK will be familiar with the computerised voice that warns us to be mindful of the hazards associated with stepping out on the journey ahead. The title therefore is also suggested as a metaphor for the journeys of us all, in seeking to improve our understanding of young people and to articulate and share practices in working with them.

It is anticipated that the conference will retain its strong international links and continue to attract a range of presenters from all over the world, from different disciplines at home and abroad. **Mind the Gap** will be of interest to anyone involved in youth work or youth studies. We are keen to encourage both novice and seasoned colleagues, practitioners, researchers and academics, to deliver papers or to join in the conversations that are stimulating and transformational.

The format will include parallel sessions, symposia and discussion of future research collaboration – see website for further details ([www.strath.ac.uk/pdu/mg2010](http://www.strath.ac.uk/pdu/mg2010)).

### Participants

We aim to bring together:

- those who study and research the world of young people and youth work
- practitioners who work with young people in neighbourhoods, communities of interest and fields such as health improvement, regeneration and participatory democracy
- policy makers and managers from a range of statutory, voluntary and community organisations

### Keynote Speakers

Rory MacLeod, CLD Standards Council

Shirley Steinberg, McGill University

Jason Wood, DeMontfort University





## The City of Glasgow

The City is a friendly and vibrant international centre of cultural, historical and architectural interest and was European City of Architecture in 1999. It is situated close to attractive lochs, forests and islands and some of the most breathtaking scenery in Scotland.

Glasgow offers a comprehensive range of hotels, guest houses and B&Bs. Discounted rates, across a representative price range, have been negotiated by the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Valley Tourist Board for those Conference delegates wishing to use selected accommodation. Details will be sent to delegates requesting accommodation information.

Conference Venue – **to be confirmed**

### Call for papers/presentations and Symposia

Abstracts of 300 words should be sent to the conference administrator at our Professional Development Unit, [karen.mcdairmant@strath.ac.uk](mailto:karen.mcdairmant@strath.ac.uk) by the dates below.

Any groupings that wish to offer a symposium, should submit up to four abstracts as one document. This should be clearly marked **Symposium** and will include an introductory paragraph that clarifies the connecting theme and the name of the main contact for correspondence. Anyone interested in presenting within a symposium **BUT** not linked to other presenters, should tick the 'symposium option' box on the abstract submission form. Where possible, conference organisers will connect presenters who are writing about similar themes. In such circumstances, individuals will be notified in advance of the conference if they are to present individually or in symposium.

Presenters will be notified of the decision regarding their paper(s) within one month of submitting the abstract. All papers will be peer reviewed and considered for publication in forthcoming editions of the Scottish Youth Issues Journal.

#### CONFERENCE FEE

	Presenter	Delegate
<b>First Call for Papers / Applications – 4th December 2009</b>	<b>£320</b>	<b>£340</b>
<b>Second Call for Papers / Applications – 28th May 2010</b>	<b>£350</b>	<b>£380</b>

Please note we have a limited number of day delegate rates available as well as special rates for voluntary sector organisations and places to support Advanced Professional Studies. If you would like more information about any of the above please contact Karen McDairmant on

**Tel: 0141 950 3734 or Email: [karen.mcdairmant@strath.ac.uk](mailto:karen.mcdairmant@strath.ac.uk)**

APPLICATION FORM

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Special Needs/Dietary Requirements

(Will you require special assistance to fully participate in the Conference? If necessary, continue on an attached sheet)

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Please note: The Conference language will be English

Please indicate here if you hope to present a conference paper

Please indicate here if you require details of discounted accomodation rates for the conference.

CONFERENCE FEE

Payment in Pounds Sterling

Conference Only - per person (including programme, lunches, conference dinner and ceilidh, receptions)

Standard Delegates

Date of application ...../...../.....

Presenters of Papers / Standard Delegates

Date of application ...../...../.....

If you cannot attend the whole conference, please contact organisers to discuss attendance options.

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