

International Week Conference Day

1st April 2025

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are delighted to invite practitioners, researchers and students to submit papers for the 2025 Conference element in our International Week on

‘Creative Approaches to Safeguarding People and Communities: Research and Practice’

We welcome papers for presentations which explore research or practice involving creative and innovative approaches to safeguarding people or communities along the following themes:

- Protecting adults from harm
- Protecting children and families
- Protecting teenagers and children leaving state care
- Protecting children outside of their home environment i.e. sexual and criminal exploitation, gang involvement etc
- Protecting communities
- Community development
- Dealing and addressing harmful behaviours

You are invited to submit a 300-word abstract, for a 45-minute presentation in a parallel session, sharing the impact, innovation or learning of your research or practice in this area and how it may improve the practice of others.

This is a free conference as part of international week hosted by Social Work, Working With Children, Young People and Families, and Early Childhood Studies at Birmingham City University. The presentations will be of interest to students and international guests and will enable the sharing of good practice across countries and communities. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Registered social workers presenting at this event will be provided with a certificate to use for Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

Please submit your abstract **by 10th January 2025** to Jessica Wagner:

Jessica.wagner@bcu.ac.uk . Abstracts need to include presenter details and affiliated institution, and must be aligned to one of the themes highlighted above, linking to research or practice approaches.

Outcomes will be communicated by 31st January 2025.