

International Week 2025

1st April to 3rd April 2025

We are delighted to invite educators, researchers and students to our second international week here at Birmingham City University, hosted by Social Work, Early Childhood Studies and Working With Children, Young People and Families.

This year our theme will be

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

International week is an opportunity to celebrate and foster meaningful relationships, share innovative, creative and best practice across our nations and to learn from each other. It promotes cultural understanding and collaboration among people from diverse backgrounds and provides insight into different ways of thinking and doing when faced with similar challenges. Through shared experiences, open dialogue and mutual respect, this event encourages cross cultural partnerships and friendships, cultivating a sense of unity across our sectors and supports the building of a more interconnected world.

As part of international week, we are holding a conference on 1st April 2025, for which we are disseminating a separate *Call for Abstracts* (See enclosed). This conference allows for interesting perspectives and innovative approaches in safeguarding or protection of people and communities to be shared within different geographic and political contexts.

On 2nd and 3rd April 2025, there will be opportunities to visit relevant UK practice agencies, opportunities to connect with others through a research exchange and time for sightseeing across Birmingham. There will, of course, be time to meet, mingle and build relationships.

If you would like to take part in international week, or the conference, please contact Jessica Wagner on Jessica.wagner@bcu.ac.uk .

In order to plan with final numbers, we kindly request that all interest is registered and confirmed by 28th February 2025.