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SFCT in association with the University of Hertfordshire presents

Orienting Solutions 2013

The first solution focused, enactive & narrative practice research conference

19-20 September 2013, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, UK (just north of London)

This conference explicitly connects the existing non-diagnostic and language focused practices of solution focused (SF), narrative and discursive therapies with recent theoretical developments in enactivism, Wittgensteinian, narrative and discursive psychology.

We invite academics, practitioners, managers and policy makers to see both practice and theory in a new light. The event is a collaboration between SFCT and the philosophy and nursing/social work departments at the University of Hertfordshire, and will include all fields of SF practice. The conference will build dialogues around these topics:

- The future of therapeutic practice from non-diagnostic, enactive and post-structural perspectives
- The latest research into SF work in all fields – therapy, social work, educational and organisational contexts
- Different conceptions of ‘theory’ and how it plays a role in the famously atheoretical world of SF
- Different modes of research which can be applied in this area
- Latest developments in enactive, embodied and narrative thinking
- Issues for future policy in health and other circles
- Further ways to develop connections between academic s and practitioners for the benefit of all concerned.

Invited speakers already attending include Dr Alasdair Macdonald, Prof Dan Hutto, Prof Gale Miller, Prof Janet Bavelas, Chris Iveson, Michael Durrant, Dr Mark McKergow, Rayya Ghul, Kirsten Dierolf, Prof Brian Littlechild, Louise Doel and Dr Daniele Moyal-Sharrock.

We invite presentations/sessions of 30 and 45 minutes, and also poster presentations. Please submit an abstract of up to 500 words to <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=sfct2013> by 15 June 2013. Presenters will not be required to submit papers in advance of the conference. We intend to offer publication of papers later in a special issue of the SFCT journal *InterAction*.

Venue is the modern de Havilland campus at the University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield AL10 9EU, United Kingdom. Hatfield can be reached by train from London’s Kings Cross station in just over 20 minutes, and there is extensive car parking on site.



Early Bird booking until 20 July 2013. Discounts for SFCT members. Special SOLworld 2013 offer: SFCT membership for the rest of 2013 just 50€, ask Mark, Kirsten, Stanus or John Brooker. Full details of booking and accommodation options at the website:

www.asfct.org/research.php