

## 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DIALOGICAL PRACTICES

### Getting Closer, Towards a new human alliance

12th to 14th of October 2017 - Turin, Italy

#### CALL FOR PAPERS FOR WORKSHOPS - POSTERS

Among the multitude of relational approaches, the starting points and practices can be somewhat different. Still, this enables interesting opportunities for crossing boundaries and learning. Daily challenges suggest to introduce a continuous variety and variability in our network based practices, as pathways to build hope and trust. A new quality of responsiveness is required to cope with fast changes in society, as a step of experience towards a new kind of human alliances.

We need to investigate different ways to generate dialogical spaces: supporting the presence in nurturing and sustaining mutual change in respecting the otherness.

Dialogical practices are many, as well as their fields of application and future development. These approaches are to develop a dialogic approach based on importance and to promote a network for mental health, social welfare, teaching-learning, local governance, social services and international cooperation.

Families, significant others and practicing professionals, open other forms of dialogue, such as the dialogic narrative.

These approaches have been inspired by the work of Mikhail Bakhtin; their theoretical principles have been developed through experience and research in a variety of network and community meetings, using the approach of inspecting a number of applications by taking into accounts different ideas that only ask the opportunity be heard.

Many scholars and practitioners share the view that dialogical practices can be applied across a wide range of clinical and non-clinical settings: in particular, they demonstrate their fruitfulness in treatments developed by multidisciplinary teams, case-management, organizational planning, community development and social planning.

The 4th International Conference on Dialogical Practices, hosted in Turin in October 2017, has the aim to investigate the different fields of research where the dialogical practices can provide a decisive contribution in an era of complexity and interdependence, as well as of conflicts.

The conference will be focused on the presentation of dialogical practices and research findings, best positioned to promote new varieties of human alliance; which in turns can be used to develop new working practices with families and communities.

We invite you to present your *call for papers*. You can choose one of the three modes that the IV Conference offers. We welcome your suggestions for:

- Working Groups
- Workshop
- Posters

### **Working Groups WG**

There will be at most 7 WG: 4 held in the English language and 3 in Italian. Each group will gather three times over the 3 days of conference. Once formed, the groups will remain the same with the same facilitators for the whole duration of the event for a total time of 4 hours. Applicants will be required to prepare a document to be hand in by the end of the last encounter.

### **Workshop WS**

There will be 7 different WS during each day of the conference; therefore, 14 WS in total. Each of the WS will last 1h15'.

### **Posters**

They will be on display in dedicated areas, and the authors will be able to meet the participants to briefly explain their work, make contact, create new alliances and projects.

The maximum of posters allowed is 30

We welcome papers from any fields of research, preferably if linked with dialogical practices with the following topics:

- Families, children and youth
- Mental health
- Governance: accountability in sustaining dialogical practices
- Research: what's up?
- New vulnerabilities, new alliances
- Dialogical Approach: how to make it "a way of life" at home and at work
- Dialogical practices in training
- Coaching as a dialogical practice
- The dialogical practices: Wellness for the everyday life

**Title and abstract: 3000 characters including spaces and references, due May 30, 2017.**

**Please submit the abstract to the following address: [gettingcloser.papers@ius.to](mailto:gettingcloser.papers@ius.to)**

***Papers should be prepared for blind review.***