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Social Pedagogy International Conference

“Social Education and Social Pedagogy: Here and Now”

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As a journal specializing in social education, we would like to inform you about the Social Pedagogy International Conference, “Social Education and Social Pedagogy: Here and Now”, which was supposed to be held in June in Preston, Great Britain. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference has been postponed until early 2021. The exact dates are being planned at the moment, and will be released around the beginning of May ([Social Pedagogy Association, 2020a](#)).

The conference will be mainly organized by the Social Pedagogy Association (SPA, in Spanish called Asociación de Pedagogía Social), ThemPra Social Pedagogy, and ASU (Arizona State University). It is hosted by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN), Preston ([Social Pedagogy Association, 2020a](#)).

The last conference held was Puebla 2018, and it was a meeting place for social pedagogues, social educators and other professionals from related disciplines. The discussed topics ranged from refugee education and community work and development, to social work and pedagogical theory ([Keller, O’Neil, & Nicolaisen, 2018](#)).

The conference, now planned for 2021, will give space to a number of presentations, workshops, and discussions concerning the topics currently being explored in the field of social pedagogy (issues that this discipline addresses, both in theory and in practice). This conference will provide an opportunity for social issues to be discussed from the point of view of different partners coming from various parts of the world. The topics will address possible solutions to problems such as sustainability, violence, inequality, migration, etc. ([Social Pedagogy Association, 2020b](#)).

Since the cancellation of this year’s event came suddenly, as a response to the COVID-19 outbreak, many researchers might have finished their articles that were supposed to be presented in Preston in June. If that is your case, you can use the possibility of presenting the article online on the website of the Association: there will be a *Social Education and Social Pedagogy: Here and Now* presentation page, on which you can publish your video (video guidelines available soon on the website of the Association). Similar measures are valid for already completed papers, which can be sent in until 15 August; they will be published prior to the conference in 2021.

Once the final date of the conference in 2021 is out, you will be able to submit your proposals. You can find more information, not only about the event but also about other activities of the Association, on www.socialpedagogy.org. There is also the possibility to become a member of the Social Pedagogy Association, which encourages collaboration and discussions between scholars and practitioners in the field of social pedagogy.

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