

## Special Interest Group: Social Work with Adolescents

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### ESWRA Conference 2023

#### WORKSHOP TITLE: Research, policy and practice with adolescents across Europe

This pre-conference event will comprise a workshop focussing on shared interests in research, policy, and social work practice with adolescents. We hope that this meeting will allow us to continue ongoing discussions amongst SIG members in relation to shared substantive interests within the broad spectrum of social work interventions for young people at risk of harm. We also aim to use this workshop to 1) achieve a more comprehensive collective understanding of the similarities and differences in relation to how harm is conceptualised and how interventions for and with young people are delivered, and 2) identified several common goals that the SIG may work collectively to achieve within the next year.

We would warmly welcome both current SIG members alongside anyone else interested in joining us for a **half-day workshop in the afternoon**. We would also like to invite anyone who is interested to present to the group (approximately 10 minutes) either about 1) a relevant piece of research they are working on/have completed or 2) a key policy or practice dilemma facing young people in their context, particularly as it relates to the conference theme 'social work research through and towards human relationships'.

Presentations might cover recently completed or ongoing research focussed on innovative methodologies for collaboratively engaging young people in research, theorising the role of social workers in young people's lives, evaluating interventions for young people and their families, or seeking to understand new forms of harm relevant for safeguarding young people.

If you would like to present your work, please submit your request before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to Kristine Hickle ([k.hickle@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:k.hickle@sussex.ac.uk)). In your email, please include: Presenter(s) names, affiliation (e.g. university or place of work) and a brief description of what you would like to present.