

'Diversity and the processes of marginalisation and otherness: giving voice to hidden themes'

SOCNET 98'
International Week - 15-19th April 2013
Centre for Social Work & Social Policy
Bournemouth University (UK)

The Centre for Social Work & Social Policy, Bournemouth University (UK), will be hosting one of the International University Weeks during the 15-19th April 2013. Bournemouth University is situated approximately 160 kilometres south of London and is a popular seaside resort, situated on a beautiful historic Jurassic coastline.

Our chosen core theme for the week is '**Diversity**'. This will include a consideration of some of the ways in which individuals and groups are marginalised, made different or 'othered' in society, and an exploration of ways in which voice can be given to 'hidden' people or topics.

The international week, hosted by Bournemouth University, will include a cultural day, social activities and placement visits. We would like to invite 50 international students, together with our own students, along with 10 visiting lecturers to our University. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served, basis, but student places will be limited, primarily, to a maximum of five places per SOCNET University.

In order to allow us to prepare for the week and to ensure a broad range of European perspectives on issues relating to 'Diversity' we would welcome abstracts from both lecturers and students from our Social Work Network (SOCNET 98'). The abstracts may relate to either a lecture or a workshop. We request that the abstracts are succinct and approximately 250 words in length. We would also like a short biography of potential presenters. Abstracts should include a title, an overview of the aims and topic and a description of findings and conclusions or an outline of what will be undertaken within the workshops. The duration of each lecture/workshop will be one hour. In order to allow us to plan in advance, we would request that all abstracts are sent to jdavey@bournemouth.ac.uk by the **1st December 2013**.

Please note: It is envisaged that selected papers from the International Week, submitted by academics as well as student groups, will be published as a full chapter in an edited book for the series 'Critical Studies in Socio-Cultural Diversity' (Whiting and Birch, London).

A formal student invitation to our international week will be sent to your University, by the end of October 2012.

Further details regarding travel arrangements, accommodation and the international weeks programme will be sent to our delegates by the end of February 2013.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Bournemouth University.

Jill Davey (September 2012)