



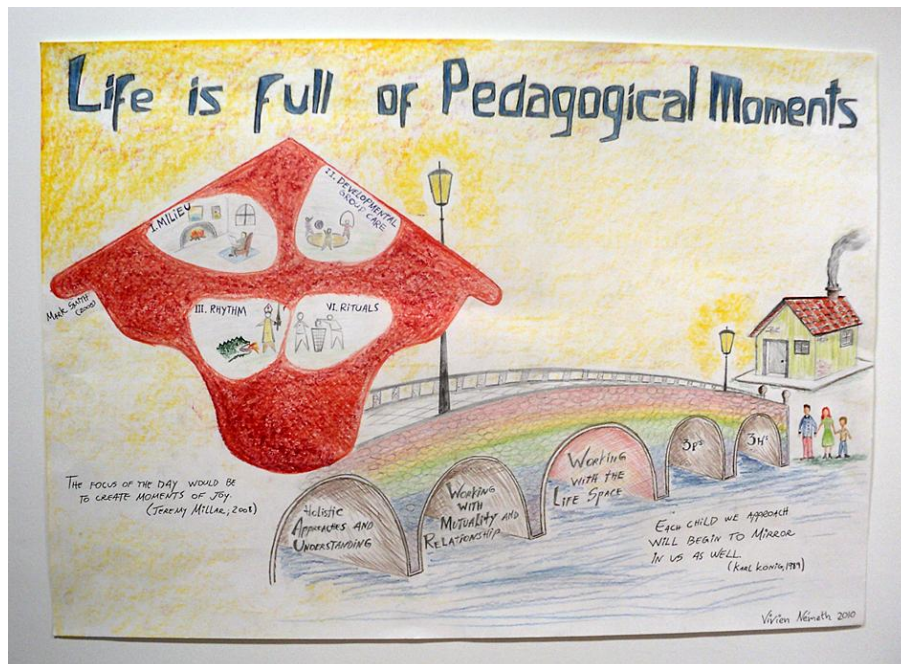
Newsletter

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Update on our new Course in Stage I: Social Pedagogy I

This new course in Stage I has been well received by the students who engaged enthusiastically with the content. Each student explored one of the five core elements of social pedagogy in their assessed orals and poster presentations

- ✚ The three Ps – private personal and professional
- ✚ Mutuality and relationships
- ✚ Head hands and heart
- ✚ The holistic approach
- ✚ Working with the life space



Suzie Clements a graphic designer at the University of Aberdeen provided a session on poster presentations in advance of this new assignment. Two of the students' posters can be seen in this newsletter.

Conferences and trainings

UK Social Pedagogy Network

85 practitioners attended the latest UK wide Social Pedagogy Development network meeting in Derby on November 5th.

The next meeting of the network will be hosted in Glenraig 31st March - 1st April 2011. We hope several tutors and students in the BASP can attend. See the ThemPra website for up-to-date information. Glenraig will also host an event on the evening of the 31st of March for anyone interested in Social Pedagogy.

Guest speakers will be; Mark Smith, from University of Edinburgh, a representative from the Thomas Coram Institute at University of London and a member of the BASP team .

The UK Network has now created a virtual forum at [SocialPedagogyUK.ning.com](http://socialpedagogyuk.ning.com). If you wish to join the SPDN virtual forum you can do so by clicking on this link: <http://socialpedagogyuk.ning.com/?xgi=4TGo85McfSUObo>.

Social Pedagogy Event in Edinburgh: 8-9 November

This successful event was organised by Mark Smith our external examiner, Bill Whyte (both from University of Edinburgh) and Kate Skinner who the Chair of Camphill Scotland. A good range of people attended; academics, social workers in local authorities and voluntary sector, and NHS staff. Chris Walter represented the BASP. Another meeting will be arranged early in 2011.

Beaver Run Training

In October Norma Hart visited Beaver Run as a member of the panel of the New York Regents National Program on Non-collegiate Sponsored Instruction (PONSI), responsible for evaluating courses offered by Beaver Run and Copake. Students can now complete four years of training in the communities. If they wish to proceed to complete a BA degree they can then enrol with a University and complete the final year by undertaking distance learning courses.

BASP Year 1 students to participate in research project on use of electronic books

Students throughout the BASP are already making good use of ebrary, the library of over 40,000 electronic books accessed through the University of Aberdeen. Our year one students will be involved in a small research study conducted by librarian Claire Molloy on the use of electronic books.

Important information for tutors and students

1st February 2011 is the closing date for applications for Stage I *and* for applications for accelerated entry by portfolio credit claim to Stages II and III.

The application form and information is available on BASP website at:
www.abdn.ac.uk/education/courses/basp

Undertaking Stage III from outside the UK and Ireland

The BASP team is keen to establish practice possibilities for students outside the UK and Ireland. This requires careful early negotiation with interested settings /communities to ensure that the opportunities and the assessment process are acceptable. If any student wishes to explore this possibility it is important to let us know well in advance of beginning Stage III.

Electronic feedback on assignments

All feedback is now delivered electronically to the student's university email address.

WebCT

Group work possibilities for the group oral presentation required on the course *Understanding and Responding 3* in Stage III will be created on Web CT.

The BASP web CT platform is currently being redesigned with help from graphic designer Suzie Clements. This will be ready in January.

Stage IV/Honours Option beings in August 2011 - See below for dates of workshops

Stage IV: Workshops 2011 - 2012

Workshop 1 24th – 28th August 2011

- Action Inquiry
- Understanding and Responding 4
- Social Pedagogy 4

Workshop 2 18th – 22nd January 2012

- Inquiry in Action
- Understanding and Responding 4

Workshop 3 Stage 4 9th – 13th May 2012

- Social Pedagogy 4

Workshop 4 Stage 4 10th – 11th November 2012

- Creative Action 4

The final assignment will be submitted in January 2013.

BACE graduates wishing to rejoin the programme to undertake Stage IV please contact Chris Walter or Norma Hart urgently by 13th January at latest.

Any ex student who graduated *before* July 2010 who wishes to rejoin the BASP to undertake the honours option must also undertake Practice 3 beginning in February 2011 as this counts towards the classification of the honours degree.

Expectations of personal tutors

Support for writing assignments

Help with English Where appropriate, personal tutors will offer help with English for assignment writing in Stage I.

By the end of Stage I, students will be expected to do their own English correction and/ or find support in their community, from friends etc.

Reading Drafts of Assignments

Stage I: Personal tutors will normally read 2 drafts of any assignment in Stage I. This may include the whole paper.

Stages II - IV: In Stages II -IV personal tutors will read only one draft and never the whole paper.

Practice

Change of Name: Practice Tutors in Stage I and II will now be called Practice Supervisors.

Practice Supervisor Handbook: A Practice Supervisor Handbook is ready for distribution. It is in 2 sections. Section 1 (Information and resources) will be emailed before Christmas and Section 2 (templates for PDPs and Reports) early in January. Electronic copies will be sent to Practice Supervisors in all three Stages. The handbook will also be available on the BASP website.

Expectations of Practice Supervisors: Practice Supervisors will normally have eight supervision sessions with a student in Practice II and Practice III.

Practice meetings (baseline, midway and final) in all three stages should be scheduled for **one hour maximum**. This will require careful preparation in advance by students, supervisors and link tutors.

Use of Skype: We will increasingly use Skype for practice meetings with students in more distant communities.

Meetings

PDP Meetings: In Stage II there will be one less PDP meeting, as the first PDP will now take place in March.

Meetings for personal tutors: There will be only one tutor meeting per term for each Stage. Therefore the stage 1 tutor meeting on the 17th of January is cancelled.

Workshops for all tutors practice supervisors and link tutors: There will continue to be three meetings in each academic year.

Partnership Meetings: These will be reduced from two to one per year. The next meeting will be on 5th September in the MacRobert Building.

Preparation for Teaching Sessions

From April everyone teaching a session on the programme will be asked by the Course Coordinator to make available in advance of their session a short handout (the equivalent of one side of A4), setting out the :

- aim of their session
- brief overview of content
- relevant reading.

Web CT will be used for all courses and normally students will no longer receive paper copies of materials.

Stage II play



The Stage II student group performed the 'Wizard of Oz' in September. During the preparation process the students had to observe and reflect on their own group dynamics. The fruit of this collaborative practice task was a wonderful performance that was filled with music, song, humour and colour. The two performances were received with roaring applause by an enthusiastic full house.

Dates for diaries

14 January	Practice Supervisors' Meetings 2pm Practice 2 & 3pm Practice 3
1st February	Closing Date for all applications for entry to BASP
4th February	BASP Admission Panel 9.30
4-6 February	Stage III Workshop
14 th February	Stage I Tutor Meeting 2.15
17 th February	Stage II Tutor Meeting 9.15
18th March	Stage III Practice Supervisors meeting 2 – 3.15
24 th March	Stage III Tutor Meeting 9.15
31st March and 1 st April	UK Social Pedagogy Network Conference (Glenraig)
29th April	BASP Admission Panel 9.30
20 May	Stage III Practice Supervisor 2 -4pm
11th to 14th May	Kassel: International Training Circle
10th June	Meeting for all Practice Supervisors 2pm
5th September	Partnership Meeting

