

Conference Centre Koningshof

The NH Koningshof Conference Centre is situated in an area of natural woodland beauty and is easily accessible from both Eindhoven city and Eindhoven Airport. Upon arrival you will immediately be greeted with the famous hospitality that is typical for the south of Holland. One of our hosts will be happy to show you around this 4-star hotel. The hotel offers 538 luxury rooms, and the service is geared toward ensuring that our guests can work and relax as in comfort. Enjoy a 'Trappist' beer, brewed in Belgian monasteries, in the attractive 'Abdij bar'. The 'Porticato' brasserie will make those who love southern Europe happy with its authentic Italian menu. We ensure that your stay will be unforgettable.

Veldhoven

Veldhoven is a town that started life as a small village. Its close proximity to the bright lights of Eindhoven (home to the world renowned Philips concern) is convenient, making the bustle of city life and tranquility of the countryside both within easy reach. The new town centre situated between the two old villages of Zeelst and Veldhoven also offers a wide variety of shops.

Eindhoven

Eindhoven is the fifth-largest city in The Netherlands, offering everything you need to make your stay enjoyable: a bustling city centre with a huge variety of shops, numerous bars, pubs and restaurants, welcoming terraces, a lively nightlife, an overflowing events calendar and art and culture of the highest quality. It also has a rich historical background, and although it appears a young city at first sight, it is actually one of the oldest in the Netherlands. More information:
<http://www.vvveindhoven.nl/en>

Travelling to Koningshof

BY AIR

Amsterdam Airport: Schiphol

Schiphol is a large international airport accommodating flights world wide. Those hiring a car to travel around Europe before / after the conference can reach Koningshof from Schiphol in about 1hr 15 min. A regular train service runs between Schiphol and Eindhoven, taking approx. 2 hrs.

Eindhoven Airport

Eindhoven has regular direct flights to many European cities e.g. London Stanstead; Dublin; Barcelona. A taxi will get you to Koningshof in approx. 30 mins.

BY TRAIN & PUBLIC TRANSPORT

There is a regular bus service between Eindhoven Central Station and Koningshof (every 30 mins during weekdays; every hour during weekends). Busroute 150 in the direction of 'Reusel' takes approximately 30 mins.

BY CAR

Carparking facilities are available free of charge. The car park caters for 1100 cars. From the A2 motorway around Eindhoven, turn off at junction 32. The hotel is approximately 3 km from the motorway (direction MMC Veldhoven/Steensel).

The hotel address:

Locht 117
5504 RM Veldhoven (The Netherlands)
Telephone: +31 (0)40 253 74 75

Pre-booking (group) travel arrangements

The hotel can arrange coach transport (for example to and from Schiphol) dependant on the number of passengers traveling and the arrival / departure times. The hotel can also pre-book train tickets from the Dutch Railway service for a reduced rate. These are valid from every train station in The Netherlands to Eindhoven. The tickets are not dated and can be ordered in advance.

- Day return economy class € 16,80
- Overnight return economy class € 22,50

Details can be found at www.enhancingpractice.com, button 'registration'.



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Call for Abstracts: 8, 9 and 10 October 2008

NH Conference Centre Koningshof, Veldhoven, The Netherlands.

This is the 8th International Practice Development Conference organized by
Fontys University of Applied Sciences School of Nursing and
the International Practice Development Collaborative.



University of Applied Sciences

This is the eighth annual Enhancing Practice Conference. Reflecting its collaborative and international nature, the conference is organised by:

- Fontys University (The Netherlands)
- The Collaborative Action Research Network (international)
- The Foundation of Nursing Studies (UK)
- Royal College of Nursing (UK)
- The Developing Practice Network (UK)
- University of Ulster (UK)
- Monash University (Australia)
- Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand)
- Northern Sydney Central Coast Health (Australia)
- The Children's Hospital at Westmead

It is a participative, democratic event primarily aimed at practitioners, practice developers and those in facilitation roles. The event will provide a forum for:

- The sharing of innovative strategies currently utilised to improve practice (e.g. action research, practice development and reflective practice).
- Workshops on innovative methods for challenging and improving practice (e.g. Forum Interactive Theatre, music, dance and reflective writing).

This year the conference is designed around six themes:

- Working collectively
- Developing an effective culture
- Learning strategies
- Using and developing knowledge and policy
- Evaluating practice
- Facilitation methodologies

A conference climate will be created in which participation and collaboration are supported, rather than merely 'delivering a paper', and in which practical experience and jargon-free language are valued. Practitioners will have the opportunity to renew their confidence in the approaches they are currently developing to improve their practice and to celebrate their successes. There will also be opportunities to network and learn with colleagues from across the globe and to experiment with novel approaches. In addition, the conference will provide a medium for exploring the experience of collaboration and for helping people to find constructive solutions and ideas for practice problems.

Participants will be invited to join a Home Group, a small group of participants who will have the opportunity to:

- Support each other in the conference environment.
- Discuss concerns and issues arising from conference experiences.
- Share new insights and understandings.
- Prepare constructive feedback to the conference facilitators.

The two day conference is spread deliberately over three days to create time for reflection and networking.

Call for abstracts

Creative approaches to learning and personal development will be incorporated into the conference process through workshops, plenary sessions and the social events. The creative activities are offered as experiential opportunities for participants to explore their own creativity and as sources of information on training and development. The creative processes offered at the conference do not constitute training in themselves.

Abstract format

Outline abstracts of approximately 300 words are invited for presentations, posters and workshops on any aspect of practice development (whether it has been successful or not) and including the difficulties of enhancing practice in the stressful contexts of every day practice. Interactive, as well as innovative ways of presenting work, networking, facilitating learning and understanding and so on are encouraged. In addition to welcoming oral presentations and posters, we encourage participants to experiment



with alternative kinds of presentation for example, with critical conversations, drama or art works. Posters will be highly valued and, especially if they are visually exciting (colour, visual images, objects, photographs etc), they are likely to provide excellent networking and interactions. Presentations of any kind should be given in no more than 15 minutes, and should provide critical questions to stimulate discussion by participants (25 mins). Workshops will be one and a half hours in length and must focus on practical participation.

Abstracts deadline

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is March 15 2008.

Abstracts should be sent via email to:

abstract@bureauenzo.nl

Social events

Further information will be provided at the website www.enhancingpractice.com

Please note

To be eligible to present their paper, all participants chosen to present papers must pay and register at least two months prior to the conference. The conference committee regrets it is unable to meet any travel or subsistence expenses. The official language of the conference is English.

Subscription

Fill in your personal details at www.enhancingpractice.com

Further information

If you have any queries regarding your submission, please contact: Bureau & zo Marketing. Communicatie BV
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Abstract Submission

In order to facilitate the process of selecting and processing abstracts, Bureau & zo require the following information to be compiled by the author. Please send to the conference organiser via email to abstract@bureauenzo.nl

Please ensure that you supply ALL the requested information. Failure to do so may affect your submission.

Personal details

- 1 Title
- 2 Name
- 3 Qualifications
- 4 Job title
- 5 Workplace
- 6 If appropriate, co-presenter's name, job title, workplace and mailing address
- 7 Mailing address
- 8 Post code
- 9 Country
- 10 Day time telephone number
- 11 Mobile number
- 12 Fax number
- 13 Email address
- 14 Theme of paper
- 15 Type of presentation (paper/workshop/poster)
- 16 First time presenter - yes or no

Abstract information

- 17 Title of paper
- 18 Overall aim of paper
- 19 A brief outline proposal of the presentation of not more than 300 words
- 20 3 key critical questions your presentation will address
- 21 Resources and type of space you require for your session (workshops only)
- 22 At least 3 intended learning outcomes
- 23 At least 3 reading references
- 24 Your professional biography

Closing date for all submissions is March 15 2008.

Applicants will be notified no later than May 20 2008 as to whether or not their paper has been accepted.

DO NOT FORGET - RESPONSES TO ALL 24 POINTS MUST BE PROVIDED! Check your submission before you email it!