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Dear colleagues

Liverpool Hope University is pleased to announce a major international conference to be held on **23rd and 24th June 2016**.

Children and Young People in a Changing World: Action, Agency and Participation

In a rapidly changing world children and young people are subjected to a wide range of social, cultural and economic pressures that impact significantly on their everyday lives. At the same time, these pressures shape educational, social and welfare policies and practices in ways that have direct implications for how professionals work with and for children and young people. This multidisciplinary conference provides an opportunity to disseminate, discuss and explore research that explores children and young people's action, agency and participation in responding to such changes.

Keynote Speakers include:

Mary Jane Kehily - Professor of Gender and Education in the Centre for Childhood and Youth Studies, Open University.

Jens Qvortrup – Professor of Sociology at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Hasina Ebrahim - Professor of Early Childhood and Foundation Phase Education at University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Papers are invited that explore children and young people's voices or challenge current policy and practice with regard to the following themes:

Educational policy and practice

Social exclusion and marginalisation

Childhood and youth in crisis

Youth work policy and practice

Social work policy and practice

Political action and social change

Children and young People in the home
and family

Young people, risk and leisure

Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted to Dave Merryweather at merrywd@hope.ac.uk

Abstracts should include a title and an outline of the central aims of the paper. Please also include the names of all authors/presenters and provide an indication of which theme the paper is related to.

Closing date for abstracts is 28th February 2016.

Papers will be considered for publication in an edited book collection or, if relevant, for a special edition of the international journal Critical and Radical Social Work.

Full conference and registration details can be found on our website at:

<https://www.hope.ac.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/>

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We look forward to receiving your abstract.

Kind regards

Dave Merryweather