



Call for Workshop Participation

Family Support Groups in Diverse Settings

At King's College London

10 May 2017

Family Support Groups aim to create a trusted environment in which participants can share experiences and provide help to one another to thereby alleviate the burden of isolation, deal with challenging family dynamics and reduce social marginalization. Less is known about how such support groups work in different social, cultural and international settings; the ways in which they have been tailored to meet the needs of diverse groups; and what their strengths and weaknesses are in such complex contexts.

This one-day participatory workshop is jointly organized by researchers at King's College London and the Institute of Community and Public Health at Birzeit University with the aim to bring together practitioners from various sectors (i.e., psychiatry, psychology, social and humanitarian work, education), service users and academic scholars from multiple disciplines. Participants will introduce and discuss different forms of family support groups, the ways in which these have been creatively adapted to various contexts and populations, and the challenges involved in developing support groups directed at diverse populations in the UK and abroad. The aim is to develop a platform for mutual learning and knowledge exchange and the establishment of a network of practitioners, service users and academics involved in the provision and evaluation of family support groups in a socially complex and international arena.

Format: In the interest of a vivid discussion among all participants the program will consist of 10-15 minute presentations and related discussions, round tables and practical exercises during which new family support techniques will be introduced and reflected upon.

If you are interested in presenting in this workshop, please send a 200 word abstract with your name and affiliation by 20th March 2017, to hanna.kienzler@kcl.ac.uk

If you are interested in attending the workshop, RSVP by sending an email to hanna.kienzler@kcl.ac.uk by 20th March 2017. Please note that limited places are available.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any further questions!