

# DAWF 2018: Conference

Theme: The Role of Drugs and Alcohol in the Lives of Women and Families – Putting Research into Practice

May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU)

Conducting research regarding substance use, women, and families is an important task in itself, but what happens after the research is finished? What happens to the findings? Do they perish, become journal articles, or have influence in helping women and families affected by substance use?

The first DAWF conference focuses on the two way relationship between research and practice. Alongside presentations from academics across the UK, the DAWF conference will host a workshop titled “research into practice”, considering how the research produced within academic institutions can have meaningful impact within practice. With keynote speaker, Prof. Elizabeth Ettorre, and figures from local organisations working with women and families affected by substance use, this day welcomes researchers and practitioners to discuss, reflect, and share research regarding substance use for women and families and learn from each other about making research count.

We are delighted to invite proposals for oral and poster presentations. Topics for presentations should focus on substance use in the lives of women and/or children and young people, or families/family life more widely. We are specifically looking for papers and posters that address substance use *and*:

- Gender
- Children and young people
- Relationships (intimate/intergenerational)
- Family violence and conflict
- Crime and the family
- Disability and/or mental health of substance users and/or affected significant others
- Ageing substance users
- The impact of poverty and austerity on substance users and their families.

Oral presentations will be 15 minutes long, with 5 minutes for discussion. Posters will be displayed from 9am on the day of the conference, and authors must be close to their poster during lunch to be available for discussion. There will be prizes awarded for the best presentation and best poster, as voted by attendees on the day.

## **Guidelines for submission:**

- Abstracts must be no more than 250 words excluding title - no references.
- Abstracts can be submitted in .doc, .rtf, or .pdf formats. Feel free to use our downloadable layout!
- Please include:
  - your full name and email address
  - your position, department, and institution
  - if you wish to be considered for an oral or poster presentation - you may choose both.
- Please email attachments to the DAWF team at: DAWF2018@gmail.com.

**Closing date for submissions is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at 5pm**