Inaugural Congress of the Northern Network for Medical Humanities Research

Call for Papers

The Northern Network for Medical Humanities Research (NNMHR) was founded in 2013 with the purpose of connecting individuals and institutions working in this dynamic area of interdisciplinary research. Following six successful seminars held across the North of England and Scotland, the NNMHR welcomes scholars, practitioners, health professionals, artists and health advocates, to join us at Durham University for a two-day Congress on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 September 2017.

The logic of the Congress is simple: it is an opportunity for people who are passionate or even simply curious about medical humanities research to present their work, share ideas, and meet potential future colleagues and collaborators.

The call for contributions is now open.

(i) We invite 200 word proposals for papers (20 minutes) or provocations (10 minutes) on any aspect of medical humanities research, including presentations on research methods, impact, and engagement. Proposals from postgraduate and early career researchers are warmly encouraged, as are contributions from professionals and practitioners who are actively involved in research but not based in the academy. We welcome proposals from individuals working in any discipline and at any institution.

(ii) Researchers working on larger scale medical humanities projects are also invited to submit proposals for a special session showcasing collaborations in the field. The format of this showcase is limited only by the imagination of the participating projects – we hope to go beyond the format of a conventional poster session and instead set up a marketplace of ideas, where the ‘stalls’ of each project are populated by different images, publications, artefacts and other resources introducing the project and its participants.

Please submit your proposal for the Congress using this form by 1 June 2017. All proposals will be reviewed by the NNMHR Congress Steering Group and presenters notified by 23 June 2017 when registrations will open.

The NNMHR Congress is funded by the Wellcome Trust with the support of Durham University's Centre for Medical Humanities. The Congress is free to attend and refreshments will be provided. Five travel bursaries of up to £150 will be available to support postgraduate participation at the congress.

The members of the congress steering committee are: Angela Woods and Jane Macnaughton (Durham), Annamaria Carusi (Sheffield), Alice Hall and Marie Allitt (York), Lucy Burke (Manchester Metropolitan), Anne Whitehead (Newcastle), Gavin Miller (Glasgow), and Stuart Murray (Leeds).

If you have any questions regarding the Congress or the call for papers, please contact Jane Abel at Durham University's Centre for Medical Humanities.