



## **Proposal Submission for 2<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Conference on Youth Work 'Engaging Young People in Nation Building: The Youth Worker's Role'**

We are now inviting proposals for papers to be presented at the Conference, addressing new and original thinking in youth work under one of the following themes/sub-themes:

[Click here for conference theme and sub-themes](#)

### **Proposal Guidelines**

Proposals for papers to be presented at the conference should be:

1. Between 500 -1000 words. This limit does not include references, or the abstract;  
Submitted in Microsoft Word, Arial font, 11pt, justified, double spacing;
2. Written in accordance with the American Psychological Association(APA) style guide;
3. Submitted in UK English;
4. Edited by an external person before submission as a full paper to ensure coherence in style, grammar and punctuation (in the event that the proposal is approved)
5. **Submitted by Sunday 10 January 2016.**

Proposals should contain the following:

#### **1. Cover page:**

1. Title and thematic area and subsection to which the paper is targeted (select from Section B, Conference Themes)
2. 75 word abstract (excluded from the 500-1000 words): This will appear in the conference programme and should contain information that allows conference delegates to decide whether to attend your paper presentation.

#### **2. Proposal content**

1. **Introduction:** Include the objectives, methodology and implications of your work for youth work practice. Please include all components set out in the **proposal guidelines**.
2. **Knowledge focus:** Indicate whether your work has a research/theory or practice focus, and include the following.

*For papers with a research/theory focus:*

1. **Problem statement:** Research question or hypothesis.
2. **Methodology:** Types of data, data collection methods, analysis methods
3. **Results:** Outline the main findings of the study.
4. **Conclusions and implications:** what are the implications of the findings for youth work policy, practice or education and training?

*For papers with a practice focus:*

1. **Framework:** The concept on which the practical application is based.
2. **Description of practical application:** Design of the practice, implementation including where and with whom.
3. **Outcomes:** What were the youth work outcomes of the process? What were the strengths? What were the weaknesses? How can the weaknesses be overcome?
4. **Implications:** What are the implications for youth work practice? For education and training? For policy and legislation? Any other implications.

### **3. References and Biography**

1. References

Authors must ensure the accuracy of citations, quotations, diagrams, tables, and maps if relevant in proposals, and in full papers if and when the proposal is approved.

2. Bio - 75-words maximum

Include name, name of organisation and designation within organisation.

3. Resume/Curriculum Vitae

Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of youth work academics and practitioners, selected by the conference partners.

A few selected presenters will be supported with flights and/or accommodation to participate in the conference. However, generally, presenters will be required to support their own costs of attendance.

For any questions on this Call for Papers, please contact Dharshini Seneviratne, Commonwealth Secretariat at [d.seneviratne@commonwealth.int](mailto:d.seneviratne@commonwealth.int), or Prof. Mpho Dichaba, University of South Africa, at [dichamm@unisa.ac.za](mailto:dichamm@unisa.ac.za).

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