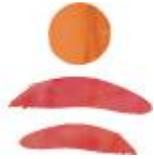# Call for Papers: NADP International Conference 2018: Ensuring Quality Provision

The National Association of Disability Practitioners (NADP) is the Professional Association for those working in the tertiary education sector and who are involved in the management or delivery of services for disabled students and the staff who support them.

NADP is committed to improving the professional development and status of disability and inclusivity practitioners in further and higher education through peer support, education, communication and leadership.

Our international conference 2018 will be held at the **Clayton Hotel in Chiswick, London from Monday 25th-Wednesday 27th June 2018**. It will focus on the priorities for ensuring quality provision in the field of disability support and inclusivity.

We have collectively experienced an exponential pace of change within the disability and inclusivity fields in which we practice. The demand for innovation in the workplace has grown tremendously. On a professional level, we have become increasingly creative and flexible in our working practice with acknowledgement that both institutions and individuals have increased opportunity to lead change, or to influence change. Our institutions have embraced a range of techniques to keep up with these rapid changes such as out-of-the-box thinking, paradigm shifts in practice and challenging the status quo. Sharing our solutions to common concerns allows us opportunities to positively affect how quality principles are applied throughout our field.

NADP's first International Conference in 2015 attracted over 200 delegates and presenters from all over the world and was a great success. As a result, we are very excited to be developing the programme for our second international conference in June 2018, and we are looking for abstracts that can integrate our theme of "Ensuring Quality Provision" with one or more of the focus areas outlined below.

We invite you to share your innovative methods, tested solutions, and proven results with an audience representing an array of countries, backgrounds and institutions.

The topics include, though are not confined to:

- Policy development and implementation
- Enhancing the disabled student experience

- Systems for evaluating Disability services e.g. measuring impact on retention, progression, achievement or employability
- Aiding transition to and from higher education
- Engaging the student voice
- Individual or group support systems
- Inclusive Practice - e.g. benchmarking, strategic implementation or evaluation
- Academic Assessment  and associated methodologies
- Evidence based-research informed practice
- Collaborative working between Disability and Inclusivity Professionals and Academics

We are inviting abstracts for presentations, workshop sessions, panel discussions and posters:

1. **Whole Conference Presentations (1 hour) -** A lecture-style presentation which aims to inform, provoke debate and/or raise questions. Delivery should allow for about 10 minutes of questions from the audience at the end. Abstracts submitted under this heading must make explicit reference to how they will ensure relevance to an international audience. Please also note that there are relatively few opportunities for these and so proposals should indicate whether the presenter will consider an alternative session. There is a reduced conference charge for whole conference speakers and one co-presenter, if required.
2. **Interactive Workshop Sessions (90 mins)** - A genuinely interactive session which aims to develop delegates understanding, skills and or knowledge through discussion, practise or activity. Abstracts submitted under this heading should make clear how the session will engage and interact with delegates. There is a reduced conference charge for workshop speakers and one co-presenter, if required.
3. **Break-Out Group Presentation (45 mins)** - A lecture-style presentation which aims to provoke debate and/or raise questions. Delivery should aim for 30 mins maximum to allow 15 mins for questions/debate. There is a reduced conference charge for break-out group speakers and one co-presenter, if required.
4. **Panel Presentations (60 mins)** – a set of three distinct but related 10-minute presentations of innovative ideas or proposals followed by 30-minute Q&A discussions. There is a reduced conference charge for panel speakers and one co-presenter, if required.
5. **Posters** – these will be on display throughout the conference with an opportunity to discuss with colleagues at specific times. There is a reduced conference charge for **one** delegate presenting a poster.

Your abstract should include:

- A short title of no more than 12 words
- The name and contact details for the lead presenter and name of any co-presenters
- The names of others involved in any research.
- The body of the abstract should be up to 500 words and make a clear statement of the topic of your session. References and diagrams are not required at this stage

**Please note that Speakers and one co-presenter, if required, are eligible for a reduced price at the conference. Those presenting a poster will also receive a reduced rate for one person.**

| | Member/Non-Member (Early-Bird) | Member/Non-Member (Normal) | Speaker Price |
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| **Presentation only** | n/a | n/a | free |
| **1-day conference** | £180/£200 | £195/£215 | £140 |
| **2-day conference** | £340/£360 | £355/£375 | £300 |
| **3-day conference** | £495/£520 | £510/£530 | £445 |

**Please note these prices DO NOT include accommodation which can be booked separately at £149 B&B per night at the venue. You may wish to book another local hotel or travel daily.**

Please submit your abstract to admin@nadp-uk.org by Noon on Friday 8th December 2017.

For further information, please contact the NADP Office on admin@nadp-uk.org or telephone 02082636220 between 10am and 2pm on weekdays.