

# MA Social Pedagogy

Working with children and young people in or on the edge of care

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This MA will introduce you to the continental European tradition of social pedagogy.

Social Pedagogy is best translated as 'education in its broadest sense' and refers to a holistic, goal-oriented and relational approach to working with children, including those in difficult circumstances. It is strongly informed by democratic values and inclusionary goals.

At a time when the children's sector in the UK is developing within the framework of Every Child Matters, the MA in Social Pedagogy has much to offer professionals working in this sector. It provides an inter-disciplinary programme of lectures and study and the chance to exchange with Danish students.

Be part of the first wave of the development of social pedagogy in the UK!



## MA Social Pedagogy at the Institute of Education, University of London

**The programme is taught in central London at the IOE, on one or two evenings a week in term time and some block attendance is required. The programme is assessed by written assignments, and by a 20,000 word dissertation or a 10,000 word report.**

The programme includes:

- Theories, concepts and principles of social pedagogy
- Communication, learning and being together: social pedagogic relationships
- Researching childhood
- An optional module, drawn from a list of recommended modules across the IOE
- A dissertation or a report and a second optional module
- Exchange with Danish students studying social pedagogy at Masters Degree level

The programme is for you if:

- You hold a degree in a relevant subject (for example, social science, education, cultural studies)
- You have relevant employment experience (usually two years)
- You wish to develop your career in direct work with children
- You wish to develop your critical thinking and research skills in relation to working with children, so as to help improve your professional practice

Fees are at standard IOE rates. Students participating in the exchange visit to Denmark will be required to pay their own costs. Support is given for applicants who are returning to study after some years.

The DCSF Social Pedagogy Pilot Programme currently underway in residential children's homes is introducing social pedagogy to many professional groups and enthusiasm for it is growing.

A further development is the Institute of Education's new Centre for the Understanding of Social Pedagogy which will foster more research and development.

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