Social Pedagogical Leadership

‘Great leaders find ways to connect with their people and help them fulfil their potential.’ Steven J. Stowell

# Course Outline

Leadership is seen as vital to realising aspirations, achieving high-performing teams and creating positive cultures of care. The challenge, however, lies in how we can practice leadership in ways that are authentic and draw out our own and others’ potential. Just as with geese flying in V formation, leadership isn’t just about the people in the top positions – it’s essential to develop each person’s leadership potential.

With its strong emphasis on more equal relationships, learning processes, a shared life-space and ethics as first practice, social pedagogy has important implications for leadership at every level of an organisation. For the development of a social pedagogical culture within your service, it is vital that you and other leaders (such as senior managers, team leaders and other key people) know how to encourage teams to navigate complexity and are able to make situated judgments.

This three-day course provides an excellent opportunity for you as a leader to explore how key principles in social pedagogy translate into leadership, what this means for you, your team, the wider organisation and, most importantly, how social pedagogical leadership can benefit the individuals, families or groups supported by your organisation. To ensure that all course participants have a basic understanding of social pedagogy prior to this course, we will provide you in advance with reading materials and encourage you to register for our [Massive Open Online Course in Social Pedagogy across Europe](https://www.coursera.org/learn/social-pedagogy-europe) (available on Coursera).

In facilitating the course we will draw on a variety of learning methods that make social pedagogical leadership come to life – through experiential learning activities, group discussions, theoretical inputs, reflection and action planning on how you can develop your own leadership.

This course is endorsed by the [Social Pedagogy Professional Association](https://www.sppa-uk.org) and forms the introductory module of the [MA in Social Pedagogy Leadership](https://www.uclan.ac.uk/courses/ma-social-pedagogy-leadership.php) at the University of Central Lancashire. Participants therefore have the option to gain accreditation and join the MA programme.

# Learning Aims

By connecting social pedagogical concepts and principles to practice, we aim to:

1. provide you with an **enduring understanding** of:
* Social pedagogy as an ethical orientation based on recognition that human beings are intrinsically rich, have unique value and potential
* How to convey this belief in everyday interactions and relationships through your social pedagogical leadership
* How you can create and develop social pedagogical teams and organisations within a positive culture of care
1. ensure you **know and are able to apply**:
* Relevant social pedagogical theories and principles for everyday leadership practice
* How you can initiate and sustain change within a complex practice environment
1. make you further **familiar with**:
* The role of communication and empathic listening in social pedagogical leadership
* Ideas and activities for future team development, supervision and your personal leadership style development

# Themes

* Core concepts in social pedagogy and their implications for leadership
* Introduction to and perspectives on social pedagogical leadership
* Leadership as pedagogy
* The notion of *Haltung* and ethics as foundational for social pedagogical practice
* The pedagogy of listening and recognition for leaders
* Nurturing motivation
* Creating, developing and sustaining a social pedagogical culture of care
* Myths and mechanisms of scaling and diffusion

# Course Details

**Date:** 4th – 6th May, 2020 | 9.30am – 4.30pm

**Venue:** Edinburgh Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace

Edinburgh EH1 2JL

**Costs (incl. finger food lunch):** 1 person (self-funded): £300
 *(max. 3 places available at this rate)*

1 person (employer-funded): £360
*(employers booking 3 or more places will receive a 5% discount)*

# Our Course Facilitators

We’re Alexandra Priver (left) and Charlotte Firing (right) from ThemPra. We’re both internationally experienced practitioners in social pedagogical settings and have longstanding facilitation and leadership expertise. We’ve led on a number of ThemPra’s pioneering projects in England and Scotland, including *Head, Heart, Hands*, Dundee Early Intervention Team, St Christopher’s Fellowship, and our EU Leonardo Mobility funded projects exploring social pedagogy in Danish care settings. We’re also co-delivering the MA in Social Pedagogy Leadership in partnership with the University of Central Lancashire.

Please feel free to contact us at alex@thempra.org.uk and charlotte@thempra.org.uk or check out our
[3P profiles](http://www.thempra.org.uk/thempra/who-we-are/) to find out more.

# Booking Form

To book a place on this course, please complete the below form and return this to sylvie@thempra.org.uk at your earliest convenience.

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We’ll send you a booking confirmation email, together with an invoice and payment details. If you have any further questions or would like to discuss the course with us, please feel free to get in touch with Sylvia at any time.

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Please direct bookings and any enquiries to Sylvia Holthoff at sylvie@thempra.org.uk. Bookings will be confirmed upon receiving the above booking form.

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