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# Student Wellbeing & Success The Contribution of Mental Health Advisers & Specialist Mentors

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# **CALL FOR PAPERS**

## INFORMATION

This annual event is specifically aimed at Mental Health Advisors and Specialist Mental Health Mentors working in Higher Educational Institutions. The work of these professionals is unique within HEIs as they focus on strategies and inclusive learning that enables the students, frequently those with highly complex needs to access and participate with their academic course of study as fully as possible. The support received enhances the students' experiences at university and college, increasing their chances of academic success, and adds value to the institutions' provision, results and retention.

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

We welcome submissions from universities, organisations and individuals working as mental health advisers or mental health mentors within the higher education sector, where there is the potential for sharing and learning from experience, research, theory and practice. We would like to invite submissions for break out groups, workshops and individual papers on the following themes:

- Raising awareness, reflecting and sharing best practice
- One year on, how is our practice developing? Understanding our roles and responsibilities to a greater extent
- Joined-up and collaborative working
- Barriers to change institutionally, organizationally and individually
- Working in an evolving sector: DSA changes and next steps
- Changes in society: impact on students' mental health

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

#### Proposals are due by Friday January 18th 2019

**Proposals should be submitted** by e-mail to **info@umo.london** as an attachment (Word, PDF) with **Mental Health Conference** in the subject line.

#### Proposals must include:

1. Name of each presenter with titles, institution as appropriate

2. Contact information (phone and e-mail) if there is more than one presenter please indicate one individual as the contact and lead presenter.

3. Title of Presentation (12 words or less)

4. Description (700 words or less) Please describe the content, focus and desired outcomes for the presentation using these questions as a guide.

Submissions should be relevant to the conference theme of best practice of mental health advisers and mentors.

• What is the format of the presentation (Lecture, Panel, Discussion, Performance, Other)?

• Who is the intended audience (educators, employers, businesses, advocates, students, consumers, researchers, or other)?

 $\cdot$  How does your presentation meet the agenda of the conference (please make this specific)?

• How familiar should the audience be with the topic (beginner, intermediate, advanced)?

 $\cdot$  What are your three main goals for the presentation in relation to the conference theme?

**Please Note:** The full conference fees will be waived, lunch and an evening drink will be provided for presenters of accepted proposals. Presenters are responsible for their own travel.

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