



## Call for Abstracts: Academic Conference

### Focus on Family Estrangement

Glasgow, September 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2019

**We invite researchers from around the world to submit abstracts for presentation at the first conference on the topic of Family Estrangement.**

**We welcome submissions from researchers whose work is relevant to increasing understanding of relationships between family members aged 18+ who have a distant and/or inactive relationship with one another in terms of contact, communication and/or quality.**

**We welcome abstracts from researchers at all career stages from a broad range of disciplinary backgrounds (psychology, sociology, education, family studies, communications studies, historians, social work, etc.). Abstracts will be peer reviewed and acceptance will be based on content and overall program balance.**

**The conference will feature a range of talks, discussions, and networking opportunities with experts, researchers and leaders in the field of family estrangement. Dr Kristina Scharp, Assistant Professor of Communication at The University of Washington, will deliver a keynote presentation.**

All abstracts must be received via email: [Lucy.Blake@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:Lucy.Blake@edgehill.ac.uk)

Abstract Submission deadline: 23rd April 2019.

## Presentations

*Oral Presentation* – Authors will be selected (on the basis of abstract topic and quality of submissions) to give a brief oral presentation about their research.

*Poster Presentation* – When preparing your poster, please keep the dimensions within 1 meter tall by 1 meter wide (40 inches by 40 inches), size the title and the text so it can be read from several yards away (approximately 60 point font for the title and 24-36 point font for the body text).

## Submissions

All submissions must include:

- A clear and concise abstract of no more than 500 words in English, containing:
- A title
- A list of all authors
- Institution affiliations for each author
- One author who will be able to present the abstract at the meeting
- Disclosure of any conflicts of interest

### **The composition of the abstract must include:**

- *Research question*
- *Method(s)*
- *Study results/ findings.* If the study has not yet been completed, then provide a section on anticipated outcomes.
- *Provide a section that tells us why this study is important.*

Please indicate whether your preferred presentation is oral or poster.

Notification regarding acceptance will be emailed to authors by May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

## Funding / Awards

This conference is not funded, and is hosted by Stand Alone, a small charity working with people experiencing family estrangement.

If you or your institution would like to sponsor travel costs for individuals who can't find funding, contact Becca Bland: [b.bland@standalone.org.uk](mailto:b.bland@standalone.org.uk). Your support is critically important for students and early career researchers traveling internationally.

## Information about the organisers

This conference is organised by Dr Lucy Blake, Senior Lecturer in Children Young People and Families at Edge Hill University, Becca Bland, CEO of Stand Alone, Professor Yvette Taylor

School of Education, University of Strathclyde. It is not externally funded, and is convened by [Stand Alone](#), a small charity working with people experiencing family estrangement.

The fee for attending the two-day conference is £150, with a reduced fee of £80 for postgraduate students. The conference will be open for registration on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019.