Call for Papers

You are invited to contribute to

Raising the Bar II:

National Conference on the

PMLD Core & Essential Service Standards

~ 2nd November 2018, University of Birmingham ~

Submission of abstracts by <u>27th July 2018</u>, via email: raisingthebarpmld@gmail.com

Following a first successful national conference in 2017 to launch the Core and Essential Service Standards for Supporting People with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD), *Raising the Bar II* will provide opportunities to hear about innovation and progress from the PMLD Standards in action and to learn from inspirational stakeholders from a range of backgrounds.

We encourage submission of presentations from all those interested or directly involved in the lives of people with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD). We welcome contributions from those working in the fields of education, health and social care, as well as families, charities, and CIC's who support people with PMLD. Similarly we hope others, for example, from fields such as the arts, therapeutic practitioners, researchers or others who have experience of engagement with this group.

All submissions should demonstrate the influence or impact from having implemented the standards in any context. Proposals may showcase their practical application, addressing potential barriers and demonstrating benefits and positive outcomes. Submissions are expected to relate directly to one or more of the standards within 'Supporting people with profound and multiple learning disabilities: Core & Essential Service Standards' and consider improved outcomes for children and/or adults.

The Raising the Bar audience typically includes representation from wide-ranging stakeholders – anyone supporting or caring for people with PMLD both as professionals or as family/carers or those concerned with improving their lives.

Presentations: Please indicate if your submission proposes presenting as a

- Keynote Speaker (variable duration, maximum 20 minutes)
- Workshop (45 minutes)
- Poster - displayed in the main public Exhibitor space

Strand: *Please indicate the strand you wish to join*

- **Best practice or Evidence-based Research**:
Papers submitted under this strand may be undertaken by organisations such as education, social or health services and universities. Authors should pay particular attention to describing the methodology and results of the study.

- **Professional and Clinical Experience**:
Papers submitted under this strand may include service development, audit or implementation projects, as well as good practice reporting. Typically, these papers will be presented by health or education professionals or those working for other organisations for people with profound and multiple learning disabilities.

- **Personal Stories**:
Papers submitted under this strand may include for example, personal experience stories, single case studies or examples of positive support for people with profound and multiple learning disabilities in the wider community. Innovation and achievement of aspirational outcomes are encouraged. We particularly welcome contributions from family carers and non-paid supporters

We look forward to receiving your abstract submitted via email: raisingthebarpmld@gmail.com by the closing date of the **27th July 2018**.

For discussion or further information about this opportunity email: raisingthebarpmld@gmail.com

Successful Submissions

- The Call for Papers Committee are Thomas Doukas (Choice Support), Annie Fergusson (PMLD Link/Family Carer), Michael Fullerton (CMG/ PMLD Link), Joanna Grace (Sensory Projects/ PMLD Link)
- All applicants will be notified of the outcomes of their submission by 3 September 2018 whether proposals accepted or not.
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Raising the Bar II – Abstract Submission

Presenters Name/s:

Presenters Role/s:

Contact email:

Presentation: Keynote Speech/Workshop/Poster (Delete as relevant)

Strand: Best Practice or Evidence-based Research/ Professional and Clinical Experience/ Personal Stories: (Delete as relevant)

Presentation Title:

Abstract Submission (maximum 300 words):