**Raising the Bar III - Call for Papers**

**You are invited to contribute to**

**Raising the Bar III:**

**National Conference on the profound and multiple learning disabilities Core & Essential Service Standards**

**~ 25th October 2019, University of Birmingham ~**

**Deadline for submission of abstracts: 1st July 2019, via email to** [raisingthebarpmld@gmail.com](mailto:raisingthebarpmld@gmail.com)

We’re back!

Spurred on by the popularity of Raising the Bar I and II, and with a pending review of the ‘Core and Essential Service Standards for Supporting People with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities’, Raising the Bar III will provide opportunities to hear about the reviewed Standards, innovation and excellent practice in the support of children and adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities.

We encourage submission of presentations from all those interested or directly involved in the lives of people with profound and multiple learning disabilities. 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 profound and multiple learning disabilities. 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 profound and multiple learning disabilities 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 mins)
* Workshop (45 mins)
* 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](mailto:raisingthebarpmld@gmail.com) by the closing date of the **1st July 2019**.

For discussion or further information about this opportunity email: [raisingthebarpmld@gmail.com](mailto:raisingthebarpmld@gmail.com)

**Successful Submissions**

* All applicants will be notified of the outcomes of their submission by 19th July 2019 whether proposals accepted or not.

**Raising the Bar III – 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):