Call for Abstracts: Social Work and Social Development Values in a Global World

Educating for Tomorrow: Social Work and Social Development Values in a Global World

Second International Conference. Main day: Friday, December 18, 2026. Saturday, December 19 is reserved as a second day and is confirmed based on the abstracts submitted. Online via Zoom, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time (5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Kyiv, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. GMT). Free and open access. Hosted by Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, Canada.

Dear colleagues,

We invite social work and social development educators, researchers, students, practitioners, field instructors and community partners from every country to submit an abstract. The first conference, in June 2025, brought together colleagues from 17 countries. This second conference asks how the values of our profession, such as dignity and worth of the person, social justice, human relationships, integrity and competence, guide education, practice and policy in a changing world.

We warmly encourage you not only to submit an abstract but also to present it. Every accepted abstract receives a Certificate of Abstract Acceptance, and every presenter also receives a Certificate of Paper Presentation.

Conference themes

1. International Social Work and Social Development
2. Social Work Policy and Practice
3. Civil Society Development and Social Justice
4. Future Challenges for Social Work and Social Development
5. Emerging Trends in Social Work and Social Development Education

Presentation formats

Each conference day opens with keynote presentations, followed by presentations in the 360 Format: six minutes (360 seconds) per presenter, with one slide. You can take part in three ways:

- **Live 360 presentation:** present for six minutes with one slide on Zoom.
- **Recorded 360 presentation:** send a link to a six-minute recording of you speaking about your slide, together with your abstract. Links are shared in the conference programme, and authors of recorded presentations join the Zoom Toloka (from the Ukrainian *toloka*, a

gathering where the community comes together to help and work side by side), a session where they answer questions from the audience and share their research.
- **Abstract only:** the abstract is published in the conference proceedings.

We encourage everyone to send a recording link with the abstract. If an accepted abstract cannot be fit into the live programme, we will invite the author to send a link and join the Zoom Toloka.

Conference day schedule

Each conference day runs five hours with breaks, so presenters and audiences across time zones can take part comfortably.

Pacific Time	GMT	Programme
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.	15:00 to 15:30	Welcome and greetings
8:30 to 10:00 a.m.	15:30 to 17:00	Keynote presentations
10:00 to 10:10 a.m.	17:00 to 17:10	Break
10:10 to 11:10 a.m.	17:10 to 18:10	Session 1: 360 presentations
11:10 to 11:20 a.m.	18:10 to 18:20	Break
11:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.	18:20 to 19:20	Session 2: 360 presentations
12:20 to 1:00 p.m.	19:20 to 20:00	Zoom Toloka and closing

If Saturday is confirmed, the second day follows the same schedule.

Abstract guidelines

- Language: English (abstracts in other languages are welcome with an English translation)
- Length: 250 to 400 words, with a title, the purpose or research question, the main content, and conclusions
- List every author and co-author with name, affiliation, country and email, written exactly as it should appear on certificates and in the proceedings
- Accepted abstracts are published in the conference proceedings exactly as submitted, so please proofread before you send

Key dates

Step	Date
Call for abstracts opens	November 9, 2026
Abstract deadline	December 4, 2026
Notification of acceptance	December 9, 2026
Conference programme published	December 14, 2026

Step	Date
Conference	December 18 to 19, 2026

What participants receive

- Certificate of Abstract Acceptance
- Certificate of Paper Presentation for those who present
- Certificate of Participation for registered attendees
- Publication of the abstract in the conference proceedings
- An invitation to submit a full paper to *Educating for Tomorrow*, a peer-reviewed open access journal hosted by Thompson Rivers University Library (first issue December 2026)

How to submit

Abstract submission form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_utpMell5eLXXpPMMAUqzVDqBCNHE0FFZTHeh4982Gg/viewform

Register to attend on Zoom (presenters and attendees): the Zoom registration link will be available in December 2026 at drokacademy.ca/conferences. Certificates are prepared from Zoom registration and attendance, so please register with your name as it should appear on your certificate.

Questions: educatingfortomorrowconference@gmail.com

Conference documents: drokacademy.ca/conferences

With respect,

Sasha, Dr. Oleksandr Kondrashov, on behalf of the Organizing Committee