Information Letter

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

Second International Conference · A CIRCLE+ Conference · One Room. Every Voice.

Friday, December 18, 2026 (Saturday, December 19 is added if needed, 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

About the conference

The conference asks how the values of our profession, such as dignity and worth of the person, social justice, human relationships, integrity and competence, guide social work and social development education, practice and policy in a changing world. It is the second conference in this track of the Educating for Tomorrow conference series, following the first conference in June 2025, which brought together colleagues from 17 countries.

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.

Who can take part

Social work and social development educators, researchers, students, practitioners, field instructors and community partners from every country.

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

How you can take part

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

- **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

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
- Every abstract is peer reviewed by at least two members of the Organizing Committee; authors may be invited to revise and resubmit
- 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
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

Our accessibility commitment

This is a CIRCLE+ conference: one Zoom room where every voice is welcome. Participation is free, recorded presentations are welcome for those who cannot present live because of time zones, work or other commitments, and each day includes breaks.

How to submit and register

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, past proceedings and the conference story and resolution: drokacademy.ca/conferences

Together, we are educating for tomorrow.

With respect,

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