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Call for Papers: Group Work and the Arts

The journal, Social Work With Groups, is inviting articles about the use of the arts in clinical and community practice. The issue is entitled "Group Work and the Arts", and the Guest Editors are Jennifer Clements and Kathleen Walsh. Group work, with its long history of the use of program, has been at the forefront of incorporating the arts into clinical and community practice. The deadline is July 20, 2016.

Download the complete Call for Papers <u>here</u>.

Call for Papers: Group Work Camp Reflections & Learning

<u>The journal,</u> <u>Groupwork,</u> is seeking paper submissions from former IASWG Group

A Message from the Central Florida Chapter in Orlando, Florida, USA:

Olga Molina, Chapter Chair of our IASWG Central Florida Chapter located in Orlando, Florida, USA, has shared: "We are dealing with the crisis of the tragic shooting here in Orlando. I am volunteering at the Hispanic Families Counseling agency which is working with the survivors and families of the victims; this work will include grief groups for survivors or family members effected by the tragic event. Many of the surviving victims have not been able to return to work yet and are in need of food, toiletries, gas, bus passes, etc. The Hispanic Families Counseling agency is in need of cash donations to continue helping the clients. Please read the attached <u>letter</u> from Denisse Lamas, Executive Director of the Hispanic Families Counseling agency, and consider a mail-in donation or to learn more visit <u>www.hispafam.com</u>.

Winners of Groupwork Journal Contest Announced:

The journal, Groupwork, announced at the 2016 IASWG symposium the winners of their annual student essay competition. Student groupworkers were invited to submit an essay or paper on any aspect of their practice of group work. Any undergraduate or graduate student, or any recent graduate (as of 2015), could submit an essay or paper (maximum 5,000 words) for the prize. The prize was \$100, and also the opportunity to get the paper published.

Excellent entries were submitted this year. The winner was Evan Burke, a graduate student from Ireland, with his submission titled: 'From lessons to sessions: How does second language teaching experience translate to psychoeducational group facilitation?'

Other submissions were highly commended: Colette Gallagher, an undergraduate student from England with her submission, 'Social Work and Professional Development: A Critical Reflection about Group work'; Samantha Bryan & Elizabeth Marshall, two students from England, with their submission, 'Facilitating Group work in an Extended Scope Placement'; and Lorraine Kessler, a graduate student from the USA, with her submission, 'Respect Detectors: A Support and Work Camp participants to share their learning about groupwork and reflect on the experience of being at Group Work Camp from participants' points of view, and also papers from facilitators describing and reflecting on their activities. The issue has two editors, Jennie Fleming and Brian Kelly and the deadline is July 31, 2016.

Download the complete Call for Papers <u>here</u>.

Call for Papers: "Groupwork in Practice" Section

The new "Groupwork in Practice" section of the journal, <u>Groupwork</u>, will provide opportunities to publish papers that are more descriptive of groupwork in practice, and perhaps less 'scientific' than those that we have traditionally published. To learn more, click <u>here</u>. Educational Group Engaging LGBTQ Activists to Prevent Violence in Their Community'.

All of these submissions cited above may be published in a future issue of Groupwork. The journal will be running the competition again next year (closing date early May 2017), and welcomes submissions from all students. Submissions must provide an overview of the context in which the group is set, identify the model of intervention employed, and discuss the outcomes achieved. To view the 2017 flyer, click <u>here</u>.

Interested in nominating someone (or yourself) for the IASWG Board?

The IASWG Nominations and Elections Committee is seeking nominations of IASWG members interested in serving our organization by becoming members of the Board of Directors. This year we will be seeking to fill three "member at large" positions for those whose terms of service have ended.

This is a wonderful opportunity for IASWG group workers to become more involved with the Association at the international level and to contribute to the development and growth of the organization as we continue to promote social group work practice and education.

Nominations are currently being accepted for service starting in November of 2016. Please email your nominations to membership@iaswg.org. The deadline for nominations is July 31, 2016.

Learn more here.