



## **ScOPT Conference 2016**

### Evaluation Report

## **Keep Calm and Carry on Practice Teaching – practical tools in a time of turmoil**

**Thursday 17th November 2016, Glasgow**



Social work and social work education continues to experience change and this conference was an opportunity to explore the challenges for practice learning in these transforming environments. Through the key note presentation and a range of workshops we wanted to explore and equip practice teachers with a diverse range of knowledge and skills as they champion practice learning in the future of social work.

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**Q1 - What type of organisation do you work for / are associated with?**

#	Answer	%	No.
1	Local authority	54.05%	20
2	Private organisation	10.81%	4
3	Independent	13.51%	5
4	Regulatory body	5.41%	2
5	Education	8.11%	3
6	Charitable organisation	5.41%	2
7	Other	2.70%	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>37</b>

**Q2 - To what extent did the format of this event suit your learning needs?**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Not at all	0.00%	0
2	Slightly suited	0.00%	0
3	Mostly suited	13.16%	5
4	Completely suited	86.84%	33
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>38</b>

**Q3 - Please comment on why the format did or did not suit your learning needs:**

<b>1</b>	Found it extremely enlightening and refreshing. I felt it re-energized my practice and I have a lot of working tools to use in future work.	<b>9</b>	Siobhan McLean was excellent and really appreciated the time to think and reflect.
<b>2</b>	Liked variations - presentation, interactive, tools for new practice.	<b>10</b>	I really enjoyed meeting people and immersing myself in the culture.
<b>3</b>	Provided new insight and energy to continue the PE role using new techniques having shared information and experiences in workshops, informal discussions and not least the keynote speech which was inspirational.	<b>11</b>	Workshops and keynote speaker very good.
<b>4</b>	There was a good balance between speakers, small groups and networking opportunities. I really enjoyed the innovative ideas / approaches. e.g. role play and Practice Pyramid. I liked the representation from other organisations.	<b>12</b>	Excellent range of activities, workshops, support and networking. Especially singing with Siobhan.
<b>5</b>	Practical ideas, lots of creativity, good opportunity to refresh ideas and meet old colleagues.	<b>13</b>	Good mix of topics and ways of providing information.
<b>6</b>	I found the format helpful, good pace. I enjoyed the two workshops and the input from keynote speaker that set the scene for the day. It would be great to experience maybe three of four workshops but understand the limits on time for the day.	<b>14</b>	Balance of presentation and workshops.
<b>7</b>	Input from speaker, group activity, different range of thinking styles used helped with learning, retention of information.	<b>16</b>	Best conference yet Siobhan was really inspirational and I'll be looking to have a more creative supervisor.
<b>8</b>	Good range of delivery styles and choice of workshops.	<b>17</b>	Great mix of informal chances to catch up with colleagues, small group workshops and keynote speaker.
		<b>18</b>	Enjoyed the variety of learning opportunities, and the informal nature of the day.
		<b>19</b>	Good learning and new ideas for working with students.
		<b>20</b>	Not only was it helpful as a PT but in responsibility for staff development it will aid me.

**Q4 - Overall, how useful did you find the event?**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Not at all useful	0.00%	0
2	Slightly useful	2.63%	1
3	Mostly useful	0.00%	0
4	Very useful	97.37%	37
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>38</b>

**Q5 - How well did the event meet your expectations in terms of:**

Question	Not an expectation	Did not meet expectations	Met some expectations	Met expectations	Exceeded expectations	Total
<b>Providing information on practice teaching across Scotland</b>	1	0	2	27	8	38
<b>Practice learning library &amp; online resources</b>	0	0	1	29	8	38
<b>Enabling learning from colleagues through workshops</b>	0	0	1	23	12	36

**Q6 - Having attended the event, how much has your awareness of the conference theme increased?**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Not at all	0.00%	0
2	Slightly increased	5.41%	2
3	Mostly increased	48.65%	18
4	Greatly increased	45.95%	17
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>37</b>

**Q7 - Please identify the key learning points you took away from the event:**

1	Re-energised about using a creative approach.	8	Keynote speaker and workshops. Using usual / creative methods to support students in supervision. Helpful to get feedback for ScOPT and ScOPTBox. Review GSW Education.
2	Creative learning tools for enhancing student's learning.	9	Aids to working with students. Understanding of future practice, learning / education.
3	Importance of working together to develop, influence, support. Keep going.	10	New tools and techniques for practice teaching. Support network.
4	The importance of networking, sharing information and experiences. Particularly enjoyed Siobhan's presentation that provided huge scope for developing my practice education role.	11	I think standing back from the usual context. Trying out some different practical approaches - for students and NQs.
5	Role play in practice teaching. Practice pyramid.	12	Electronic and digital resources (SSSC). Keynote speaker - zoo analogy. ScOPTBox.
6	Various thinking styles which was diverse and creative. Working with a failing student. Theory prompt cards.		
7	Tools for practice learning. Different approaches.		

<b>13</b>	Creative approaches to theory and practice. Using concept of journey. Great workshops. Lunch time mindfulness session.	<b>22</b>	Networking. Uses of role play with students.
<b>14</b>	How ScOPT works. Pyramid and having difficult conversations.	<b>23</b>	Creativity - new ways to deal with old issues.
<b>15</b>	Use of journey and the tools discussed. Good to hear more about current practice issues and practice.	<b>24</b>	Looking at theory in a totally different way, theory can be fun. The importance of linking with other practice educators. Using the pyramid to link theory to practice in a visual way.
<b>16</b>	Common themes across Scotland. Tools for practice teaching. Discussion was excellent, very informative.	<b>25</b>	More info on resources. More networking done.
<b>17</b>	Key activities with individual students and groups.	<b>26</b>	Using music for theory teaching.
<b>18</b>	the learning journey. Tools and tips.	<b>27</b>	Linking theory to practice in supervision.
<b>19</b>	The need to meet with the chief S.W. officer. Highlight practice learning. Look at developing a national practice education route. To utilise some of the exercises Siobhan McLean.	<b>28</b>	The pyramid, live journey of analogy.
<b>20</b>	Importance of positivity.	<b>29</b>	Siobhan MacLean and her approach to Practice Teaching.
<b>21</b>	Not being so focused on written evidence and look at other models of gathering evidence.	<b>30</b>	The use of tools via ScOPT box.
		<b>31</b>	Importance of meeting others to re-energise about practice learning.
		<b>32</b>	Importance of fun. Not to use the term "role play"

**Q8 - To what extent do you think you will be able to apply these key learning points to your role?**

<b>#</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
<b>1</b>	It will not be possible to apply these key learning points	0.00%	0
<b>2</b>	I intend to apply these learning points in a small aspect of my job	2.70%	1
<b>3</b>	I intend to apply these learning points more widely in my job	29.73%	11
<b>4</b>	I intend to apply these learning points, and encourage my colleagues to consider them as well	67.57%	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>37</b>

## Q9 - What topics would you like to see covered in the future?

1	Similar format. Excellent idea having the AGM in the middle. Updates on future of SW.	11	More on prompting / supporting continued input about new developments on practice.
2	More of the same.	12	More examples of activities and excellent key note speakers as today was excellent with having Siobhan and her tools.
3	Keep up the focus on practice. I'd like students perspective as a stronger feature.	13	Resilience.
4	Client / service users' involvement in SW. Learning / competence.	14	Anything political at the time. Many changes in this current climate.
5	Working with a link worker. Supervision skills and knowledge when working with a failing student.	15	How we take forward the review of S.W. recommendations.
6	Inter-professional working.	16	Development of using technology in practice learning.
7	More on creativity. Feedback re what is happening across the sector. Future governance of PT - I know this is work in progress.	17	Ethical dilemmas and promoting in-depth discussion on them.
8	Development of future practice learning.	18	Writing final reports.
9	Speaker / model / tools used to facilitate critical analysis and reflection.	19	Other practice teachers top tips.
10	Getting the best out of supervision. Creative solutions for failing students.	20	Including link workers and encourage prospective P.E.s to also attend.

**Q10 - If you have any other comments, please not these in the box below:**

<b>1</b>	Thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you, feel re-energised after the day.	<b>12</b>	Siobhan's presentation and Jo's workshop very interesting. As was discussion on role of SW.
<b>2</b>	Thank you.	<b>13</b>	Great once again to get together with colleagues in practice learning.
<b>3</b>	Thank you for an excellent conference.	<b>14</b>	Fab, well done committee, great conference.
<b>4</b>	Thank you for an informative day.	<b>15</b>	Very good venue, central and excellent lunch.
<b>5</b>	Really enjoyed and found useful - many thanks. Food lovely.	<b>16</b>	Excellent day - thank you.
<b>6</b>	An enjoyable day with loads of learning. Well done, keep going with all your hard work.	<b>17</b>	Well done.
<b>7</b>	Well done again.	<b>18</b>	Great event - great networking.
<b>8</b>	High value and creativity and energy of ScOPT team, enthusiasm experienced.	<b>19</b>	Well done ScOPT.
<b>9</b>	Thank you.	<b>20</b>	Excellent keynote - lots of great ideas, thank you. Great way to do the AGM.
<b>10</b>	Really enjoyable day.		
<b>11</b>	Excellent, well done, feel energised and supported. Workshops were useful, difficult to chose which topic to choose from.		