

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE BRIGHTON AND SUSSEX SEXUALITIES NETWORK 2009

### 'THE ACADEMY & ACTIVISM' - CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Third Annual Conference of the Brighton and Sussex Sexualities Network (BSSN) takes place on Thursday 24th September 2009. This one-day conference is hosted by Brighton and Sussex Universities and will be held this year at the University of Brighton. BSSN is an inter-university research network aimed at supporting researchers working on issues of sexualities within the universities of Brighton and Sussex, the wider Sussex area, and beyond.

*All researchers in Sussex are invited to give papers and talk about their research. You do not have to be affiliated to a University to participate.* This year we are seeking activist involvement in the broadest sense. If you are a sexualities activist or work in an institutional or community context that relates to sexualities, BSSN would like to invite you to contribute to the ongoing debate regarding sexualities research and activism. Present your work, project or experience-based perspective and/or share your views, opinions & experiences of activism at this diverse and vibrant event.

As research on sexualities goes on in many different contexts, it may or may not be your only focus and this conference will discuss how sexuality intersects with education, health, employment and public services, as well as with other facets of identity.

Possible areas for discussion include (but are not limited to):

- \* TEENAGE SEXUALITY/PREGNANCY
- \* PEDAGOGY AND SEXUALITY – SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES
- \* SEXUALITY AND DISABILITIES – COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTEXTS
- \* CARE FACILITIES AND SEXUALITIES – PRIVATE, INSTITUTIONAL, PUBLIC, COMMUNITY
- \* SEXUALITY AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
- \* SEX WORK
- \* SEXUALITY AND HEALTH (INCLUDING BUT ALSO MOVING BEYOND SEXUAL HEALTH)
- \* LGBT AND THE LINKS WITH RESEARCH/ACADEMIA
- \* TRANS AND SEXUALITIES
- \* GENDERQUEER AND SEXUALITIES
- \* QUEER ACTIVISM AND THE QUEER ACADEMY

The conference will be supportive, friendly and inclusive, and will respect a range of opinions and voice. BSSN are looking to celebrate all forms of knowledge, so why not share yours! The way you talk/present is up to you. In the past there have been 15 minute papers and formal presentations, 5 minute open mic presentations, posters and roundtable discussions but the organising committee are open to a range of different delivery styles and forms.

If you are interested in presenting at this conference please send a short proposal/outline (around 200 words) to [bssn@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:bssn@brighton.ac.uk) with the word 'ABSTRACT' in the subject line. Deadline: Friday 17th July 2009. Acceptance details will be distributed by Friday 24th July, 2009

If you do not wish to make a presentation but would like to attend as a member of the audience please contact the organisers at [bssn@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:bssn@brighton.ac.uk) with the word 'AUDIENCE' in the subject line.