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## ESWRA 2021

### Special Interest Group:

### Social Work with Adolescents

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#### WORKSHOP TITLE:

#### **Keeping adolescents safe: Sharing research and practice with adolescents at risk of harm**

This pre-conference event will comprise a workshop exploring shared interests related to social work with adolescents across Europe and beyond. We hope to provide space for considering key similarities and differences in how abuse and harm experienced in adolescence is conceptualised and understood; the role of social work in responding to abuse and harm in adolescence; and evidencing innovative policies and practices that address the social contexts where adolescents experience harm.

For this inaugural SIG meeting we would warmly welcome anyone to join us for discussion related to research and practice with adolescents. We are also inviting SIG participants to submit short presentations that they will deliver on the day, which address the SIG theme and provide a focus for comparative discussion amongst the international representation among SIG participants. These might include any of the following (or have different emphasis), related to research and practice with young people:

- Methodological advances for engaging adolescents in research about social work practice and systems
- Theorising the role of social work in responding to abuse beyond families and in developing collaborative methodologies to work in partnership with parents and young people
- Evaluating interventions delivered to, or in partnership with, adolescents and their families
- Opportunities and challenges to innovating in safeguarding practice with adolescents

If you would like to present your work, please submit a proposal as soon as possible and before 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 to Kristi Hickle ([k.hickle@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:k.hickle@sussex.ac.uk)). In your email, please include: Presenter(s) names, affiliation (e.g. university or place of work), title, and a brief description of what you would like to present.

Workshop participants will have an opportunity to critically reflect on the presentations and share practices from their own national contexts. It is hoped that this workshop could lead to future collaborations which seek to learn and innovate from the strengths and differences in practices elsewhere.