

**Nutrition and Nurture in Infancy and Childhood:
Bio-Cultural Perspectives**

Three day international, interdisciplinary conference

**Wed 8th, Thurs 9th, Fri 10th June 2011
Grange over Sands, Cumbria**

Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

Our third international interdisciplinary conference is being organised by the Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN), University of Central Lancashire. MAINN is led by Fiona Dykes, Professor of Maternal and Infant Health.

The conference links closely with the international journal *Maternal and Child Nutrition* (Wiley-Blackwell Publishing) that has its editorial office in MAINN. The journal is edited by Dr Victoria Hall Moran, based in MAINN, and Professor Kay Dewey, University of California, Davis.

There is a growing understanding of the complex interactions between socio-cultural, biological, political and economic influences upon infant and child feeding, eating and nutrition.

The conference aims to:

- Illuminate socio-cultural, political and economic influences upon infant and child feeding practices.
- Explore the nature of relationships within families in connection with various types of nutritive and nurturing behaviour in infancy and childhood.
- Increase understandings of breastfeeding as a biopsychosocial activity.
- Enhance understanding of the complex interactions between socio-cultural, psychological and biological factors in infant and child feeding, eating and nutrition.
- Focus on key initiatives that may impact upon practices related to infant and child feeding, eating and nutrition.

Key Note Speakers

Sue Ashmore – Director of UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative

Professor Helen Ball – Department of Anthropology, Durham University

Professor Mary Renfrew – Director of MIRU, University of York

Professor Uwe Ewald – Consultant Neonatologist, Uppsala University/NICU, Sweden

Dr Mike Woolridge – Leeds Institute of Health and Social Work, University of Leeds

Professor Muktiar Zaman – Khyber Teaching Medical College, Peshawar, Pakistan

Participants

Participation and attendance is encouraged from practitioners, academics and students across a spectrum of disciplines to include:

- Anthropologists
- Biological Scientists
- Breastfeeding Support and Advocacy Groups
- Children's Centre managers
- Dieticians
- Family nurses
- Health economists
- Health Visitors
- Infant Feeding Specialists
- Lactation Consultants
- Maternal and Child Health Nurses
- Medical Sociologists
- Midwives
- Neonatal nurses
- Neonatologists
- Nutritionists
- Paediatricians
- Public health specialists
- Psychologists
- Sociologists

Abstract Requirements (Deadline 1st Nov 2011)

Papers, posters or workshops are invited on any aspect of infant and child nutrition and feeding to include biological, social, cultural, psychological, political, economic and practice issues. The scope includes fetal and neonatal nutrition, infant and child nutrition, feeding and eating, up to and including adolescence.

Thirty minute papers will be presented at concurrent sessions and posters will be displayed and discussed during designated poster sessions. Workshops will last up to an hour and are to be facilitated by at least two people (there will be eight workshops in total).

Abstracts should be submitted by email (Microsoft Word file preferred) to healthconferences@uclan.ac.uk. The subject line of the email should clearly state "Nutrition & Nurture Conference Abstract". All abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Review Committee chaired by Fiona Dykes and Victoria Hall Moran.

The abstract must include the following:

- Title.
- Author/presenter name(s), institution represented, postal address, email address. Please indicate who is the primary contact – this will be the person we contact.
- A 500 word abstract that includes context, methodology (if appropriate), results/key themes and implications for policy, research, practice and/or education.
- Clearly indicate if submitting for poster, paper or workshop. (Please also indicate whether you would be willing to present a poster, should your paper not be selected for presentation).
- A short biography of author(s).

MAINN website: http://www.uclan.ac.uk/health/schools/sphcs/research/midwifery_mainn.php

Grange Hotel

The conference venue is The Grange Hotel is situated on the fringe of the Lake District in beautiful surroundings. For details on the charms of this stylish location go to <http://www.grange-hotel.co.uk/>

Conference Booking and Enquiries

All presenters will be required to register for the conference and pay the fee which will be £375 plus VAT for the three days, non-residential. However, if you cannot attend for the full three day event, a daily rate is available at £125 plus VAT.

For conference enquiries please contact Liz Roberts, Conference and Events, University of Central Lancashire, Preston PR1 2HE

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