

Getting to the conference

Ayr is about 30 miles southwest of Glasgow and has excellent road and national rail links. A regular rail service operates from Glasgow Prestwick Airport and Glasgow International Airport. It is also convenient for the M74 and there is day parking available at the campus.

Venue

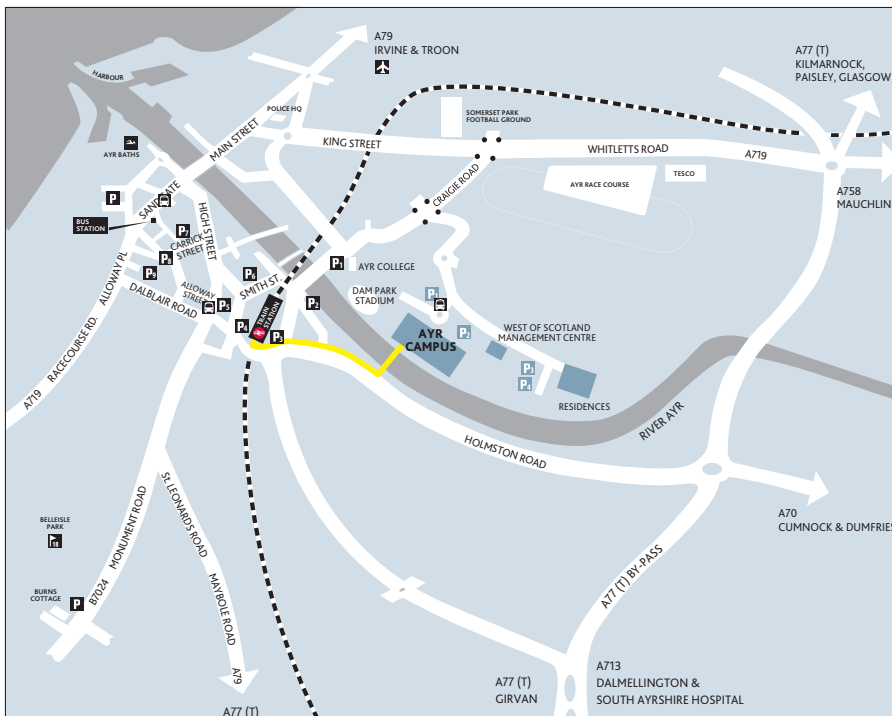
Ayr Campus, University of the West of Scotland, University Avenue, Ayr KA8 0SX.

Parking

There is free parking on site.

Hospitality

Lunch will be provided on the day.



Inaugural Scottish Mental Health Nursing Research Conference

New conference & New presenters

Friday 20th April 2012
University of the West of Scotland, Ayr Campus

Attendance at this conference is free

www.uws.ac.uk/vulnerabilityconference

In Partnership: UWS, University of Stirling, Glasgow Caledonian, Aberdeen, RGU, Abertay, Scottish Mental Health Research Network, Napier, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, NHS Ayrshire and Arran

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We look forward to seeing you on 20th April 2012

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Call for papers:

Vulnerability: no assumptions.

Evidence for mental health nursing in practice.

Universities and research networks across Scotland have come together with the support of the Scottish Government to develop the first national research conference for mental health nurses in Scotland. We hope this will be the first in a long line of national annual celebrations of mental health nursing research.

The inaugural Scottish Mental Health Nursing Conference will take place at UWS's new campus on the banks of the River Doon in Ayr. The conference will focus on the theme of vulnerability across the lifespan from childhood to later life. It should therefore be of interest to anyone involved in the field of mental health.

As well as nursing contributions we also welcome attendance and contributions from other mental health professionals as well as service users and carers. If you would like to share work that you have undertaken in the above areas, we invite you to submit an abstract for inclusion in the conference programme. We particularly extend an invitation to new presenters as well as experienced researchers for oral or poster presentations or workshops.

Participation in this conference will help delegates gain new insights into current research and good practice in addition to giving colleagues the benefit of their own experience. As well as concurrent sessions, a number of keynote addresses will be delivered by the following confirmed speakers; Professor Dame Betty Kershaw, Mr Hugh Masters and Professor Colin Martin.

Oral, workshop and poster presentations are invited which explore aspects of vulnerability in the following areas:

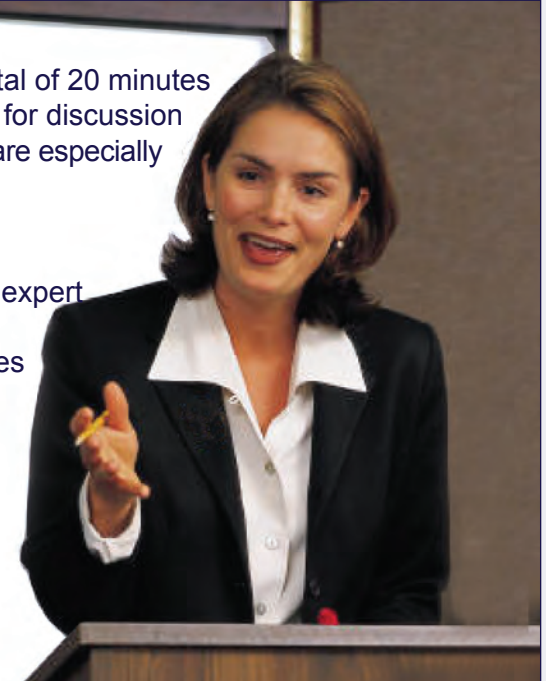
1. Child and adolescent mental health
2. Adult mental health
3. Older adult mental health

Oral presentations

Each presenter is allocated a total of 20 minutes for each session to include time for discussion (5 minutes) and new presenters are especially welcome.

Workshops

Workshops are facilitated by an expert in the field. These will be interactive sessions of 40 minutes where the facilitator works with the workshop members to develop their knowledge and understanding of the area or topic. It may be offered at a introductory, intermediate or advanced level and this should be indicated in your submission.



Posters

We welcome poster presentations as part of the conference proceedings and presenters will have an excellent opportunity to interact with delegates.

To see more details about the conference partners and to register or submit your abstract online please go to the conference website at www.uws.ac.uk/vulnerabilityconference

Abstracts should be submitted no later than 31st January 2012, and all successful presenters will be notified by 28th February 2012.

There will be **cash prizes** for the best poster in each category. **£100** for the winners and **£50** for the runners up. These will be chosen by attending conference delegates. Please see website for details.
