EVLING THEORY
IN
INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
(IPE/IPC)

Outcomes and Outlooks
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AIMS OF SESSION

- To open up discussion on the future direction of the International Interprofessional Theory Network (IITN)
- Invite comment on the relationship between this network and other networks within InterFed and InterFed itself
- To share conclusions drawn from a seminar series aimed at evolving theory in interprofessional education
- To invite people to join the IITN

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EVIDENCE BASED THEORY TO GUIDE PRACTICE

- Theories underpin the development and delivery of IPE/PC.

- Fundamental for Health and Social Care Professionals, Researchers and Educationalists who hope to establish a sound evidence base \(^1,^2\)

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The Seminars aimed to:

- Bring together expertise from a range of disciplines, to create a forum to enhance our standing of key theories
- Evolve and apply these theory in IPE to inform future research, education and policy agendas,
- Encourage new collaborations and networks between HSC, education, psychology and social science disciplines.
LOCATIONS
## EVENTS

Combination of key note presentations followed by group work and discussion.

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<td>11th January 2008</td>
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<td><strong>Seminar 2</strong> Theoretical perspectives on IPE: prioritised theories from social psychology and their application to address challenges facing the workforce (John Carpenter, Ann Scott),</td>
<td>27th June 2008</td>
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<td><strong>Seminar 3</strong> Prioritised theories from education and introduction to activity theory &amp; its application in IPE (Philip Clark, Sarah Hean with Interview from Engestrom)</td>
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<td><strong>Symposium</strong> Summarising key messages from previous three seminars to evolve theory in IPE (Convenor Group)</td>
<td>26th June 2009</td>
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SOME CONCLUSIONS

• Clearer classification/synthesis of theories used in IPE field.

• Educational syntheses: trans theoretical model (Clark, 2009), macro/micro synthesis (Hean, Craddock, O’Halloran, 2009)

• Recognition that no single theory fits all IPE contexts. Need to adopt a ‘tool box’ approach to facilitate the application of theory.

• Not focus on individual theory in isolation but focus on individual context: Which theories for which context?

• Time, people, agency, level;
• Policy context ignored
• Macro, meso, micro

• Theories not mutually exclusive. Overlap exists between them.

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• A need to differentiate between theories that apply to IPE and those relevant to interprofessional practice/collaboration.

• Theories considering social aspects of learning of particular interest to IPE community of practice.

• In prioritising theories, care needed not to neglect less accessible theorists such as Bourdieu (social capital); Vygotsky (sociocultural learning)

• Theories used in IPE serve different purposes – e.g. explanatory, developmental;

• Theoretical frameworks have potential to support the educator/practitioner in their individual practice.

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ACTIVITY GENERATED THROUGH SEMINARS:
POTENTIAL OF NETWORK

Conferences presentations


Peer reviewed papers


Book chapters


Research proposals

INTERNATIONAL INTERPROFESSIONAL THEORY NETWORK (ITTN)

We aim to build on our current national community to develop an international sustainable community with a committed interest in IPE/IPC theory.

A specialist international niche group with objectives of strengthening theoretical underpinnings and bridging gap between theory and interprofessional educational and working practice.
REMIT

• Develop heuristic overview of plethora of theories in interprofessional (IP) field
• Compare/contrast these theories and review their strengths in informing IP research and practice.
• Evolve key theories in IP through discussion of their potential application and testing in IP education, working and research.
• Emphasise theoretical underpinnings of IP education, working and research to improve quality of the research and practice in this and other interdisciplinary contexts.

• Bring together expertise of educators, professionals and researchers from range of HSC, education and psycho-social disciplines, to create forum through which they debate, share, develop and strengthen research evidence base surrounding IP.
• Encourage collaborative projects, cross fertilisation of ideas, improve communication between practitioners, researchers within health/social care and other disciplines (specifically those of sociology, psychology and education).
• Encourage new international collaborations
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<td>Issues of conflict resolution in IPE exploring theories of Piaget (assimilation/accommodation) and resolution of contradictions with systems (activity theory) as an underpinning</td>
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IITN COMMITTEE

- Sarah Hean (group lead) (Bournemouth University).
- Marilyn Hammick (CAIPE), Hugh Barr (CAIPE)
- Cath O’Halloran (University of Huddersfield),
- Deborah Craddock (University of Southampton),
- Margaret Miers/Kath Pollard (University of West of England)

The academic host of the group is the Centre for Wellbeing and Quality of Life, located at Bournemouth University.
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Future steps

• Relationship to INTERED/INTERFED and other networks?

• Coordination of future activities and enhancing communication capacity? Website http://ihcs.bournemouth.ac.uk/etipe/index.html

• Joint Workshop with APROPOS in July 2010

• Adding bricks to the collaborative wall

• Newsletter
We invite you to add or join the collaborative wall and join the group. Please contact the group lead Dr. Sarah Hean shean@bournemouth.ac.uk or place your names on the list at the exit.

More information on the outputs of the seminar series please go to:

http://ihcs.bournemouth.ac.uk/etipe/index.html
http://eprints.bournemouth.ac.uk/11965/1/FINAL_REPORT_RES-451-26-0360.pdf
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