

# Groupwork Student Essay Prize, 2017

Whiting and Birch are happy to announce the third *Groupwork* Essay Prize of \$100.00.

Student groupworkers are invited to submit an essay or paper on any aspect of their practice of groupwork. Any student on a first degree or masters program, or those who have graduated in 2016, may submit an essay or paper (maximum 5,000 words) for the prize.

We invite essays from students who have worked or done placements with groups in a variety of contexts: in the Statutory, State or Federal systems; Non-Governmental or Not-for-Profit Sectors; or in the independent or private sector. The essay should give an overview of the context in which the group is set, identify what they actually did, including models of intervention if appropriate, and discuss the outcomes achieved. Authors need to include a short reflection on their learning and to undertake a critical discussion on such issues as challenges faced, implications for group members, facilitators or leaders or members, ethical issues etc. Papers should identify connections with the discipline of social groupwork and with the other authors that have influenced their development as groupworkers using evidence from their practice. *Please note papers must include description of and reflection on direct groupwork practice – purely theoretical or literature reviews are not eligible.*

The essay may have been submitted as an assessed assignment, but it should not have been published elsewhere. The Editors of *Groupwork* journal will review the shortlisted essays for publication.

*Groupwork* journal values work with groups that is undertaken in the diverse contexts in which student practitioners operate. We wish to showcase this work to promote the generation of knowledge and the application of groupwork. Support and mentoring in the writing process may be offered to writers displaying talent and passion for groupwork to bring the entry up to the standard required for publication in *Groupwork*.

**The deadline for entries is May 15th, 2017.** The winner and runners up will be announced at the Annual Symposium of IASWG in June 2017 <http://www.iaswg.org/> and placed on the *Groupwork* websites.

**Identifying Information:** Please include a front sheet stating that the essay is being submitted for the 'Groupwork Essay Prize'; include the author's name, address, e-mail, phone number and a statement confirming that the essay is your own work. You should also include the dates during which you were a student, the name of the program studied, the name of the higher education institution attended, and email contact details and a signature from a tutor to verify that you are/have been a student on the program.

**Submissions and enquiries:** Essays should be sent as an email attachment to the Groupwork Administrator, Jane McLaughlin, [jm4whitingbirch@aol.co.uk](mailto:jm4whitingbirch@aol.co.uk)

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