Call for session convenors
6th Transforming Care Conference
Transforming Care: boundaries, transitions and crisis contexts
The University of Sheffield, UK, 26-28th June 2023

Around the world, care in all its forms – of children, of adults with disabilities and of frail older people – is becoming increasingly challenging, visible and important. In focusing on boundaries, transitions and crisis contexts, we hope the 2023 Transforming Care Conference will bring together recent research evidence and new thinking on how critical contemporary changes are affecting who provides care, of what kinds, and at which stages in their life; the circumstances in which care is provided and experienced; and the outcomes and consequences of that care for different social actors.

The Transforming Care Conference series is held every two years. Focus is on early child education and care, care for adults with disabilities and long-term care for older people in the same broad perspective, as components of a more general policy field. The Conference Series is an activity of the Transforming Care Network (http://www.transforming-care.net) through which scholars can continuously interact and exchange information and research results.

The Transforming Care Conference 2023 will investigate in a global setting:

- **Boundaries**: How is people’s experience of care affected by boundaries of multiple kinds? Boundaries may be geographical, social or administrative, and may have unequal and potentially enduring effects on financial, subjective and relational wellbeing.
- **Transitions**: How does the experience of change in giving or receiving care affect people’s life courses? How is experience of care shaped by processes of growth and ageing, decisions made about care, and/or political/administrative arrangements?
- **Crisis contexts**: How are major crises of public health, the global financial system and war affecting care needs and responses? What have been their effects on public spending and prioritisation and on inequalities of gender, ethnicity, social class, age and place?

We now invite scholars to express their interest in acting as session conveners. The conference will host both symposia and thematic panels.

**Symposia** will be proposed by one or more conveners, who will identify a specific theme beforehand and invite up to four paper authors. For the **Thematic Panels**, one or more conveners may propose a title and a theme to be included in the Call for Papers to be launched on 15th November 2022. (Thematic Panel conveners will also be expected to review and select papers for inclusion in their session.)

The deadline for proposals (Symposia and Thematic Panels) is **16th September 2022**. For further information, go to http://www.transforming-care.net/2023-transforming-care-conference/. Enquiries should be addresses to: transformingcare2023@sheffield.ac.uk.

**Confirmed keynote speakers:**
We are delighted to announce three distinguished keynote speakers.

**Professor Rianne Mahon**, Distinguished Research Professor, Carleton University, Canada.

**Professor Claude Martin**, Directeur de recherche, CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research); Programme Director, France’s Priority Research Programme on Autonomie [Independence].

**Professor Fiona Williams OBE**, Emeritus Professor of Social Policy, University of Leeds, UK

**Important dates**
16th September 2022: Deadline for session proposals
14th October 2022: Acceptance of session proposals
14th November 2022 – 30th January 2023: Call for Papers
28th February 2023: Notification about accepted papers
1st March – 1st June 2023: Registration open

**The conference is organised by**
Local organisers: Prof. Sue Yeandle, Dr Kelly Davidge and team, University of Sheffield, UK
Network organisers: Prof. Costanzo Ranci, Social Policy Lab, Polytechnic of Milan, Italy and Prof. Tine Rostgaard, Department of Social Work, Stockholm University, Sweden, and Department of Social Sciences and Business, Roskilde University, Denmark