

Transforming Care

TCN Newsletter

Summer 2023

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Editorial

Dear colleague,

Entering summertime, we are also close to the upcoming 6th Transforming Care Conference (TCC), to be held in Sheffield June 26th-28th. In this newsletter, you will find a welcome address from the local organizers, so do read on to know more about our key-note speakers, Plenary Panel, and the Transforming Care Network (TCN) members' meeting.

This is the first opportunity to meet in our network after the pandemic, and we are surely all looking forward to meeting up with friends and colleagues. We want to thank Prof. Sue Yeandle and Centre Manager Kelly S. Davidge, as well as the local staff, for their excellent work in organizing this event.

As always, the conference will provide an engaging, friendly, and relaxed atmosphere, where all will feel welcome. This year we are introducing a new initiative at the conference for Early Career Scholars, which we hope will enable networking. Also, there is the opportunity for conference participants to freely access the latest special issue of the International Journal of Care and Care. Read on for further information.

Hope to see you in Sheffield in a few weeks!

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Welcome to the 6th Transforming Care Conference in Sheffield!

A welcome address by local organizers Prof. Sue Yeandle and Centre Manager Kelly S. Davidge:

We look forward to welcoming you to Sheffield for the 6th Transforming Care Conference, held in the University of Sheffield's new Social Sciences building, June 26th-28th.

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**, 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.

This year's conference will be well visited. Around **250 people** from **32 countries** have already registered for the conference. If you have not registered yet, **registration** (£270) ends on June 12th; please [follow this link to register](#). You can also join us for **dinner** at Kelham Island Museum on Tuesday 27th June (£65).

We are pleased to offer **online attendance** to the conference (£100). This "hybrid" option includes access to the 3 keynote sessions, with the opportunity to ask questions in the chat; access up to 2 sessions per parallel track (these will be pre-chosen and not on demand; information about which sessions is found [here](#)) and online networking sessions.



Here is an overview of the **main program events**:

Day 1: The conference begins on Monday 26 June at 13:00 with the opening session, followed by the first **keynote by Prof. Rianne Mahon** (Carleton University, Canada), and parallel sessions. A **welcome reception** sponsored by Policy Press at 18:30, followed by an optional **Early Career Scholar gathering**, will close the day, see more below.

Day 2: On Tuesday 27 June, the program includes parallel sessions, a new '**Meet the authors' session** where books will be presented and discussed with the authors, a **keynote by Prof. Claude Martin** (University of Rennes, France), and a **Plenary panel** involving **Prof. Lena Dominelli** (University of Stirling, UK), **Prof. Nancy Folbre** (University of Massachusetts Amherst, the US), and **Prof. Michael Fine** (Macquarie University, Australia). **The conference dinner** will take place at the Kelham Island Museum, a renovated building displaying the industrial story of Sheffield.

Day 3: On Wednesday 28 June, there will be a keynote by **Emerita Prof. Fiona Williams** (Leeds University, UK) and parallel sessions. At the **closing session**, we reveal where the 2025 TCC will take place and invite you to discuss **future plans for the Transforming Care Network**. The conference ends with lunch at 13.15.

Program: See the full program [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact transformingcare2023@sheffield.ac.uk.





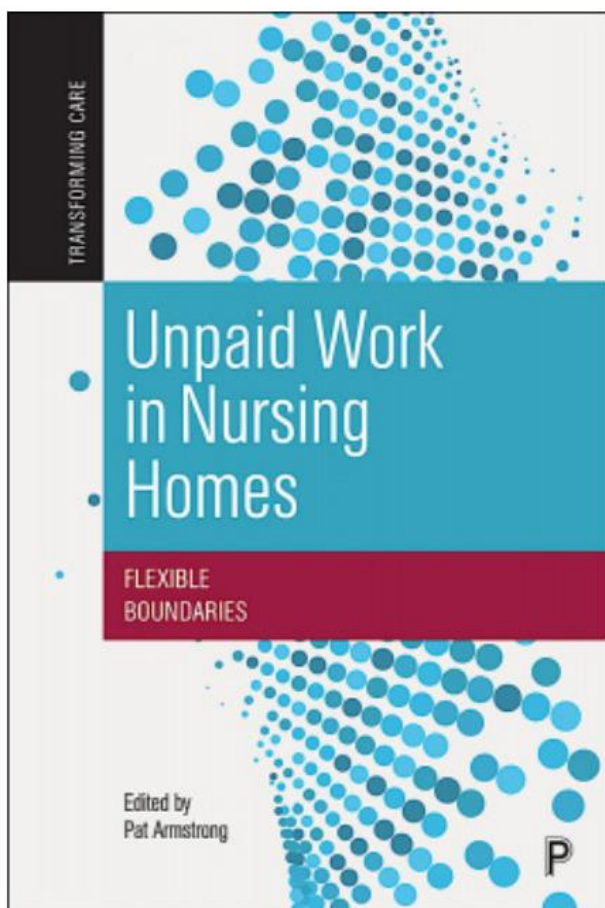
Early Career Scholar gathering at the TCC

This year, we introduce a new initiative at the Transforming Care Conference. You can join other Early Career Scholars on Monday 26th June at 8pm (venue to be confirmed) for informal dinner and refreshments and get to know other scholars attending the conference.

You'll be able to sign up at registration. (Please note that this dinner is not included in your conference registration fee; you'll need to pay for yourself.)

A new book in the Transforming Care Book series is now out!

Unpaid Work in Nursing Homes - Flexible Boundaries, edited by Pat Armstrong



This international and inter-disciplinary book on the **extent and nature of unpaid work and workers in nursing homes** is now out.

It is available as a paperback and online. The book can be ordered [here](#). And do not forget to **claim your TCN discount on 30% using the code POTCMD20**.

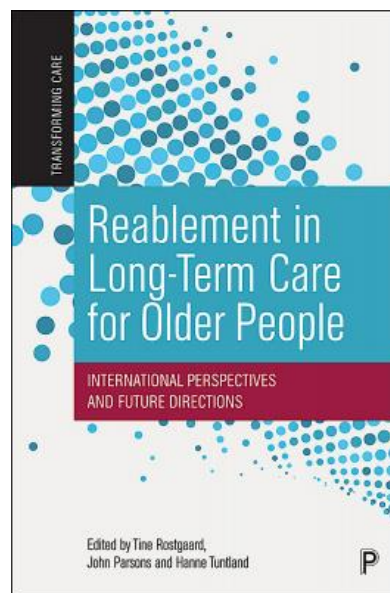
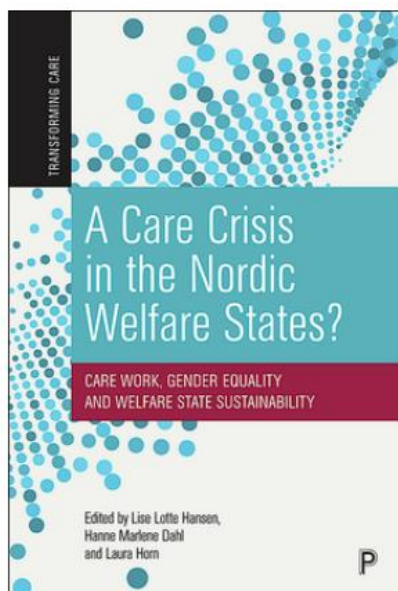
See also the **other books** in the Transforming Care book series:

A Care Crisis in the Nordic Welfare States? Care Work, Gender Equality and Welfare State Sustainability

Edited by Lise Lotte Hansen, Hanne Marlene Dahl and Laura Horn

Reablement in Long-Term Care for Older People – International Perspectives and Future Directions,

eds. By Tine Rostgaard, Hanne Tuntland and John Parsons.



Call for new book proposals in the Transforming Care Book series

The Transforming Care book series forms a collection of the best research on social care globally. We welcome expressions of interest in all areas of care research and would particularly encourage scholars working on social care for children, adults with disabilities and/or older people. Contributions can be empirical or theoretical, and come from disciplines of social policy studies, political science, economics, sociology, social work, anthropology and ethnography.

We invite early career, mid-career and experienced academics to submit expressions of interest in the publishing of monographs and edited volumes to its editorial team. The editors will consider and provide feedback on all expressions of interest.

For more information on the [Transforming Care book series](#). If you are interested in publishing in the series, contact series editors Costanzo Ranci costanzo.ranci@polimi.it and Tine Rostgaard, tiro@ruc.dk. Authors and editors willing to submit a proposal can find the Policy Press instructions here: <https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/author-hub/submitting-your-proposal>





The Transforming Care book series seminars

We have until now held two well-attended **online book seminars** where the authors of the books published in the Transforming Care book series have presented and discussed their books.

In March, co-editors Associate Prof. Lise Lotte Hansen, Prof. Hanne Marlene Dahl and Associate Prof. Laura Horn, presented their book *A Care crisis in the Nordic Welfare states?* The book was discussed by Prof. Teppo Kröger.

In May, the book *Reablement in Long-Term Care for Older people* was presented by co-editors and co-authors Prof. Hanne Tuntland, Associate Prof. John Parsons, Assistant Prof. Amy Clotworthy and Prof. Tine Rostgaard. Discussant was Emerita Prof. Caroline Glendinning.

Slides and video recordings from these two book presentations will soon be available from the TCN website, <http://www.transforming-care.net/>

Free access to the International Journal of Care and Caring

TCN collaborates with the IJCC and has ensured free access to **IJCC's May 2023 Special Issue** throughout June: [Family care of older people in Southern Africa. Guest edited by Elena Moore and Debora Price \(2023\)](#)

Other free IJCC content will also be available (this will be advertised at the Transforming Care Conference)

Also read the [currently free sample issue](#) (Vol. 5.2, 2021).

Find the current **Editor's Choice collection** [here](#).



Join the Transforming Care Network Mailing list

We would like to remind everyone of our TCN Mailing list, introduced last Autumn. This communication platform was created to facilitate the continuous exchange of information, ideas, and opportunities within our network. It is dedicated to the members of TCN and, therefore, to scholars involved in research on early childhood education and care, care for adults with disabilities, and long-term care for frail older people. We invite you to send and receive specific information on social care and care policy research through this new easy-to-use means of communication.

To join the mailing list, just send an empty e-mail to:
transformingcarenet+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

Automatically, you will receive an e-mail confirming your subscription.

If you're already a member of the TCN Mailing list, please ensure your e-mail address is up-to-date to continue receiving all communications. You can either sign up again with your new mail address or send an email to the Mailing list support, David Palomera, David.Palomera@uab.cat

You will find instructions on the use of the mailing list and general information about our privacy policy [here](#).

Short news

In March this year **The Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)** published the report [The European Care Strategy- A chance to ensure inclusive care for all?](#). The report critically assesses whether The European Care Strategy is inclusive and fair for all.



See [here](#) for more information on **The European Care Strategy**. It was presented by the European Commission on 7 September 2022, and addresses long-term care, early childhood education and care, and working conditions and training.

The ambition is to ensure quality, affordable and accessible care services across the European Union and improve the situation for both care receivers and the people caring for them, professionally or informally. The European Care Strategy also includes a dedicated framework of indicators that will be used to monitor countries' progress.

The European Commission will support Member States through EU funding, mutual learning, and better data, with a progress report due to be submitted to the Council within 5 years.



Following up on the launch of the European Care Strategy, the **Council of the EU adopted two recommendations** on early childhood and long-term care in December 2022.

The Council's recommendation that focuses on **early childhood education and care** encourages member states to increase participation in these services. It follows on from the original "Barcelona targets" that were established by the European Council in 2002. It is recommended that:

- at least 45% of children below the age of three participate in early childhood education and care. (Specific targets apply to member states that have yet to reach the 2002 goals.)
- at least 96% of children between the age of three and the starting age for compulsory primary education should participate in early childhood education and care.

The recommendation also covers qualitative aspects such as staff-child ratios and group sizes and the territorial distribution of care facilities. When it comes to affordability and accessibility, member states are encouraged to limit out-of-pocket expenses for parents and to offer solutions for parents with atypical working hours allowing them to better reconcile work, family and private life.

The **long-term care** recommendation proposes actions to make care more accessible, affordable and of better quality. It recommends – among other things – closing the territorial gaps in availability of and access to long-term care, in particular in rural and depopulating areas, ensuring compliance with quality criteria and standards across all long-term care settings and promoting autonomy and independent living.

Here is a [link to the two recommendations](#).

Contributions to the next issue of the TCN Newsletter

Feel free to send in information that you would like to see in the next TCN Newsletter.

Deadline: September 30th, 2023. Send to transformingcarenet@gmail.com

The TCN web site

If you haven't visited already: come meet us at the [TCN website](#) where you will find all relevant information about the network, book series and seminars, and past and future conferences.