

# **1st International Congress on Dialogical Practices 22nd to 24th of September 2011, Helsinki, Finland**

**In the Dialogical Moment: words, emotions, movements and silence**  
*“For a human being there is nothing more terrible than a lack of response” –*  
**Mikhail Bakhtin**

**Venue: THL, Lintulahdenkuja 4, Helsinki, Finland**

**Organisers: *Network for Dialogical Practices* together with *Jyväskylä University Psychotherapy Training and Research Center* and *National Institute for Health and Welfare and Dialogic Institute***

We are glad to invite all interested to the first international conference on dialogical practices for developing practices for the best to our clients in difficult crises and in other need for help as well as for those practitioners, who in different disciplines are working with human contexts.

## **The Network for Dialogical Practices**

While the Network for Dialogical Practices developed out of the family therapy field, its focus is much broader. The network focuses on promoting participative professional practices in different professional arenas, including the field of mental health, youth care, education, human resources management. The creation of dialogical space is especially challenging when the participants include those who are usually seen but not heard like children, old people, psychiatric patients, refugees, and illiterates.

## **Building on existing good practices**

We want to make progress by concentrating on already existing but unnoticed resources in people's current relationships and human connections. We want to work *from within* relationships with clients, to share with them, 'there', 'in the moment', the complexity, contingency, and simplicity of their lives. We do not want to control people, to solve their problems for them, or simply to alleviate their symptoms. We want to place ourselves WITHIN the communication with clients, to *share* ideas and feelings with them, to be present to them. In taking this 'in the moment' attitude, when we do not know where to go next, we take the open-ended path of the unknown – which a space of relational responsiveness in which everyone's voice can be heard, and in which previously unavailable resources in and between people can emerge.

The conference program consists of (1) **dialogical plenary sessions**, (2) **workshops** and (3) **working groups**.

**In working groups** we will work together for developing dialogical practices. Working groups will meet three times during the conference and prepare a document for the last Plenary session.

**See the program on another web page.**

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Conference fees: Category I countries: 300 € +VAT 23 % 69 € = 369 €  
Category II countries: 250 € + VAT 57 € = 307 €  
Category III countries 150 € + VAT 35 € = 185 €  
Students 185 €

**Welcome !**

**The organizing committee**

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