

32nd

International Symposium on Social Work with Groups

From June 3rd to 6th, 2010 in Montréal



Symposium international sur le travail social de groupe

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CALL FOR PAPERS

STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SOLIDARITY THROUGH GROUP WORK: RESEARCH AND CREATIVE PRACTICE

The *Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups* (AASWG) is pleased to invite submissions of proposals for presentations at its 32nd Symposium, to be held in Montréal, Québec, Canada. The biggest French-speaking city in North America and the second largest city in Canada, Montréal is known for its cultural diversity, festivals, museums, and handsome architecture, both historic and modern.

The Symposium site will be the Delta Montréal Hotel, which enjoys a sterling reputation among international travellers. The hotel is located right downtown, only a few blocks away from the *Quartier des spectacles* and close to Old Montréal and Mount Royal Park.

Social workers, group workers, researchers, teachers, supervisors, managers, students, and group members are invited to share their experiences, trade ideas, and discuss questions on this year's theme, **Strengthening Social Solidarity through Group Work: Research and Creative Practice**. Since the very beginning, groups in social work have been known for their creativity, a key factor in their development, expansion, and recognition. In the current context, with the recession undermining social connections, social problems becoming increasingly complex and administrative considerations playing a greater role in determining practices, it is important that we all pull together to ensure that social solidarity remains a strong force in communities. Innovations in group social work research and practice will therefore be central to the Symposium. Presentations may address any of the following topics:

- Creative intervention and research processes
- Appropriateness and contributions of group work in the recession
- Creative potential of technologies for practice and research
- Alliance and reciprocity in research and practice
- Ethical and organizational issues in group work
- Innovations in teaching, supervision, and professional development
- Using small groups to work on environmental change, sustainable development, community revitalization, and social and professional integration
- Group practice that has made a difference

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS

- Papers are 45-minute didactic and discussion-oriented presentations.
- Poster presentations are brief didactic presentations, offered at a collective forum.
- Workshops are experiential and last 90 minutes.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- Proposals should include a 350-word abstract
- Proposals should be submitted on line at www.aaswg.org
- Workshops proposals should describe objectives, structure, and presentation method
- Deadline for submitting abstracts: **December 11th, 2009**
- Notification regarding acceptance: **by February 26th, 2010**
- Membership in AASWG is not required for submission, but will be required if accepted
- Presenters must register for the Symposium by May 1st, 2010
- Proposals may be submitted in French or in English