

'Education is not about filling an empty bucket but lighting a fire.'

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MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE IN SOCIAL PEDAGOGY ACROSS EUROPE

JOIN OUR FIRE STARTER EVENT FOR FREE

In many European countries, social pedagogy has a rich and diverse tradition as a relationship-centred way of supporting children, families and vulnerable adults in their development and addressing social inequality. An international partnership of 8 organisations from the UK, Germany, Denmark, the Czech Republic, Spain and Belgium has now developed the first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) to provide a panoramic overview of social pedagogy in these countries and introduce some of the central principles for practice. The MOOC, which will launch in January and is free for anyone to audit, is aimed at practitioners across all education and social care settings as well as (prospective) students. Learners can self-pace their progression through the 8 sessions and are encouraged to explore and reflect on themes such as creativity, participation and social justice in relation to their own practice.

Having successfully piloted the MOOC earlier this year, we warmly invite you to our fire starter event hosted by the University of Central Lancashire on the 6th of September (9:30am - 4:30pm). You will have an exclusive opportunity throughout the day to:

- ★ Get a first look at the final MOOC before its official launch in January,
- ★ Talk to some of the pilot learners and find out how they have used the MOOC to develop their practice and team culture,
- ★ Get in dialogue with our cross-national MOOC team from the 8 organisations involved,
- ★ Connect with a dynamic international network of professionals developing social pedagogy, and
- ★ Learn how you can embed the MOOC in organisational practice, training and academic courses.

We have been developing the MOOC with the aim of providing an exciting and meaningful free learning resource about the central principles in social pedagogy and how these can enhance social pedagogical practice beyond national boundaries. And with the fire starter event we're keen to bring together anyone who can help us make the MOOC available to interested learners across the globe.

Thanks to Erasmus+ co-funding the fire starter event is completely free to attend, with overnight accommodation and food provided. To join us, please RSVP by the 15th of July by [completing this form](#). For further details please visit mooc.thempra.org or email gabriel@thempra.org.uk.