ANZSWWER Symposium  
**Advancing our Critical Edge in Social Welfare Education, Research and Practice**

29th-30th September 2016

James Cook University  
Townsville

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**  
**(closing 18th April, 2016)**

The Australia and New Zealand Social Work and Welfare Education and Research (ANZSWWER) symposium will be held in Townsville in 2016. In an environment where change is the only constant, a focus on advancing our critical edge in social welfare education, research and practice is essential. This Symposium will create spaces to explore the impact of conservative policies and contexts on critical social welfare education and practice, explore issues that challenge social work and welfare practice and education, and envision future directions for the social work and welfare professions.

You are invited to submit an abstract for a poster, paper presentation or workshop relating to our conference theme: ‘Advancing our Critical Edge in Social Welfare Education, Research and Practice’. Abstract should align with the following themes:

- Sustainability, social justice and human rights
- Diversity, inclusion and consumer rights
- Social work pedagogies and practice in complex times
- Working in partnership with ‘First Nation’ peoples
- Critical engagement with new technologies
- Any other area that you consider relevant to the overall theme of advancing our critical edge in social welfare education, research and practice.

Authors may choose to submit a full paper for review and publication in a special biannual Symposium edition of the *Advances in Social Work and Welfare Education Journal* for publication in 2017.

Abstracts should be no more than 200 words and state the theme with which the abstract aligns. Please submit abstracts as a Word document with a separate cover page containing the title of the abstract, chosen theme, author’s name, contact details and affiliation. Please indicate whether your abstract is for a poster, paper presentation, or a workshop.

Abstracts and questions can be submitted to Dr. Abraham Francis. ([abraham.francis@jcu.edu.au](mailto:abraham.francis@jcu.edu.au)). Please put ‘ANZSWWER Symposium Abstract Submission’ in the subject line of the email.

For further information about the 2016 ANZSWWER Symposium, please contact Dr Ines Zuchowski ([ines.zuchowski@jcu.edu.au](mailto:ines.zuchowski@jcu.edu.au)).

**Important Dates**

- **14 March** - Call for Abstracts
- **18 April** - Call for Abstracts closes
- **9 May** - Successful Abstract authors notified
- **2 June** - Preliminary program announced / registrations open
- **28th September** - Field Education Forum @ANZSWWER2016 Symposium
- **29th-30th September** - ANZSWWER Symposium, James Cook University, Townsville