Group Study Abroad

The UMSSWGCPE Global Learning Program is designed to broaden and/or deepen the social work knowledge, skills and/or values of the participants through exposure to social issues, policies and practices within a foreign cultural context. This program is directed and facilitated by UMSSW faculty who identify learning objectives, determine competencies to be achieved by the students, design the study abroad curriculum and accompany the program participants. Gain up to 20 units of CE while having the experience of a lifetime! Contact your tax advisor to find out how much of your adventure travel may be eligible as a tax-deductible expense!

Best Practices in Child Welfare: Learning from the UK

Travel to London, England to learn about best practices in UK child welfare, along with the history and development of UK child welfare services. Participants will hear from UK child welfare leaders and experienced practitioners about child protection, foster care, and adoption policies and systems. With support from UMSSW faculty Caroline Burry, participants will have opportunities to compare and contrast US and UK policies and systems in order to bring lessons learned back to the US. The experience includes site visits to child welfare agencies, along with visits to two sites of historical importance in the development of child welfare services: the Foundling Museum and the Dickens Museum.

Ample time during the week is allowed for sightseeing on your own; participants are welcome to arrive earlier/leave later than the program for additional time in London or beyond.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this training, participants will

- Understand the social care system in the UK, the diversity and sensitivity of care situations, and the wide variety of UK care services including their interconnections;
- Know the history of child welfare services in the UK and how this history has informed US practice;
- Demonstrate systematic knowledge and a critical understanding of key aspects of the application of child protection, family-based services, foster care, and adoption in the UK;
- Know how UK practice empowers service users in child welfare programs as a model strengths-based perspective; and
- Be able to apply their learning about child welfare in the UK to their own practice

**Your Experience Includes:**
- Hotel Accommodations: Residence Inn London Bridge (six nights)
  - Call us for roommate options 410.706.1839
- Up to 20 Continuing Education (CEU) Category I Credits
- Educational Opportunities and lectures at Historical Sites *(transportation by London's Metro is the traveler's responsibility)*
- Small group size to maximize learning, comfort, and flexibility
- Entrance fees of scheduled sightseeing
  - Charles Dickens Museum
  - Foundling Museum
- Some Meals
  - Breakfast each day
  - Opening Dinner *(alcoholic beverages not included)*

**Passports and Requirements:**
- All participants should have or acquire a valid passport with at least 6 months validity remaining.
- Secure own travel arrangements: It is highly suggested to fly into London Heathrow (LHR) Airport.
- Overseas travel insurance and/or medical insurance (recommended but not mandatory)
- Phone/ internet services.
- Additional costs may vary.
**Itinerary**

Each day (except Tuesday) has time built in for you to explore London on your own. Please note that you will only receive CEUs for the workshops that you attend. Travel to the workshop locations is your responsibility. We will meet as a group at a designated time for each workshop to travel together; however, it is your responsibility to be present if you would like to travel with the group. You must be willing and able to ride on the London Underground (subway). If you decide to bring a guest, your guest is not permitted to attend the workshops.

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<td>Sunday, May 17, 2020</td>
<td><strong>Arrival</strong> <em>(You are welcome to arrive in London earlier on your own. The included hotel nights begin on the 17th.)</em></td>
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<td><strong>Mandatory Group Dinner and Overview of the Program</strong></td>
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<td>Monday, May 18, 2020</td>
<td><strong>Morning Session</strong>: The UK Social Care System and Lessons to Be Learned</td>
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<td>Tuesday, May 19, 2020</td>
<td><strong>Full Day of Training</strong>: Child Welfare in the UK: Lecture at the hotel and site visits to the Foundling Museum and the Dickens Museum</td>
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<td>Wednesday, May 20, 2020</td>
<td><strong>Morning Session</strong>: Child Protection, Adoption and Foster Care Best Practices</td>
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<td>Thursday, May 21, 2020</td>
<td><strong>Afternoon Session</strong>: Family-Based Services and Service for Caregivers</td>
<td>1:00 - 4:45</td>
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<td>Friday, May 22, 2020</td>
<td><strong>Morning Session</strong>: Bringing It All Back Home: How to Infuse UK Practices into Your Work</td>
<td>8:30-1:45</td>
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<td>Saturday, May 23, 2020</td>
<td><strong>Group Breakfast</strong> <em>(You are welcome to stay in London on your own. The included hotel nights end with the 22nd.)</em></td>
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Thank you for applying to the Global Learning Program. The University of Maryland, School of Social Work is committed to lifelong learning. As you complete the application, be certain that you understand the requirements. The $75 application fee is non-refundable and the application deadline is January 24, 2020.

**Personal:**

Name: ________________________________________________

Email: ________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________________________

Please submit the following:

- Resume/CV
- Copy of Professional License (if applicable)
- Personal Statement (Please describe your current position and briefly indicate why you would like to be selected and how you think the program will strengthen your work with clients. If you are not currently licensed or practicing, briefly describe why you are interested in the program and how you believe the program will strengthen your professional capacity).

**Class Dates and Times**

Failure to attend the appropriate number of classes will result in a reduction of CEUs.

**By Clicking the boxes, I acknowledge and agree that:**

- This trip include a large amount of walking and I am comfortable walking long distances.
- I can manage uneven pavement, stairs or lifting.
- **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY** I have read the Terms & Conditions, the Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Arbitration Clause and understand the entirety of that document. I agree that my payment and
subsequent acceptance of my travel documents constitutes my acceptance of those Terms & Conditions, the Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause. By checking this box, I agree to these Travel Terms & Conditions and The University of Maryland, Baltimore Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause for myself, each member of my traveling party and any minor children accompanying me.

**Payment Cost and Schedule: $2300**

Applicants can choose to pay for the entire program or enter our complimentary four-payment schedule below. First payment is non-refundable. Any refunds processed after the first payment are subject to an administrative fee.

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Please do not submit checks, make payments online or Phone Payments: 410.706.5040

**Cancellation:** The initial payment is non-refundable. Once a partial or full payment has been made, cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Submit your cancellation to cpe@ssw.umaryland.edu If you do not receive an acknowledgement within 48 hours, call 410.706.1839 to ensure your information was received. Cancellation terms will be applied based on the date that the written cancellation is received and based on the following dates prior to departure. Cancellation fees apply to the remaining balance and are listed below.

**All reservations, except where specified:**
60 to 31 days prior to departure: -50% of cost
30 to 15 days prior to departure: -90% of cost
14 day or less prior to departure: -100% of cost
**Group Harmony:** To ensure the desired group synergy, CPE reserves the right to accept, reject or expel any individual who is deemed disruptive or incompatible with the interests of the group, including, but not limited to, (a) if it is reasonably believed that an individual is dangerous to others or to themselves; (b) has engaged in or threatening to engage in behavior that may adversely affect the safety, security, well-being or enjoyment of other individuals; (c) who are intoxicated and/or under the influence of drugs (d) who has failed or refused to follow CPE rules and procedures or the instruction of CPE employees or representatives. Expenses, including cancellation fees and/or costs for alternate travel plans or to return home, will be the responsibility of the passenger. All unused services are non-refundable. UMSSW-CPE shall be entitled to recover from the individual any cost or expenses incurred by UMSSW-CPE or its representative in the removal of the individual.

I do hereby affirm that all statements made herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. By signing this form, I am stating that I understand and will adhere to the standards outlined.

__________________________________________________________________

Signature     Print     Date

Please **mail** your completed application package to:

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Office of Continuing Professional Education
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Baltimore, Maryland 21201

For questions, contact us at cpe@ssw.umaryland.edu or 410-706-1839