



The 6th Community Psychology Festival 21 and 22 October 2022, Solent University, East Park Terrace, Southampton, SO14 0YN

Summary of Proposed Contribution

Please submit this form by **Monday 29 August** to: WARP@solent.ac.uk

with the subject header '**Festival 22 Contribution**'

We welcome contributions that relate (however loosely) to our overall **theme**: '*Communities and the pursuit of liberation: Creativity, culture & connection*' and/or connect to one of the **streams** below.

Applicants will be informed of a decision as soon as possible following review.

Title of contribution (Please make this clear and short/snappy)	Am I a Community Psychologist?
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Streams (highlight all that apply):

- (1) Community workshop for the local community
- (2) Wellbeing and liberation
- (3) Creative approaches to distress
- (4) Connecting activist and progressive social movement and ideas**
- (5) Living in times of crisis and the role of community psychology in the 21st century

Type of session (highlight):

- Workshop/masterclass
- Debate or discussion forum**
- Performance
- Film
- Research paper / Symposium
- Other (please specify):

Length of contribution (in minutes): **60 mins**

Preferred day: Friday / Saturday (we'll try to accommodate)

Technical requirements:

(Projectors, chairs, laptop will be available)

Please submit your 250-word summary in the box below **using Arial 11 point.**

Summary:

(Please offer an accessible, engaging, and clear description of your contribution. This text will appear in the book of Abstracts so that people attending the festival can read about and join your session if interested)

In recent years, one of the most visible forms of UK Community Psychology is the Section that sits within the British Psychological Society (BPS). The Section has resisted calls from the BPS to develop specific competencies against which one's use of the title 'Community Psychologist' can be assessed and 'gained'. This Festival has similarly resisted offering introductory talks that might go some way to defining 'community psychology' for newcomers, despite ongoing feedback from attendees that this would be a much valued contribution. At the same time, many people who seem aligned with the values and ethos of community psychology have found homes in movements such as 'Psychologists for Social Change' (PSC) or 'Psychotherapists and Counsellors for Social Responsibility'.

In this experiential conversation, Miles (Clinical Psychologist) and Miltos (Counselling Psychologist) will explore the demarcation of professional boundaries within which practitioner psychologists can further locate themselves in relation to community psychology. We will attempt to make some sense of why one might accept, resist, or negotiate identification with the term 'community psychologist'. Leaning into our own process, and in the light of recent research that explores clinical psychologists' personal and professional connections with community psychology (Thompson, Stuart, Vincent & Goodbody, 2022) we will invite fellow festival-goers to help us shape an emerging picture of the status of both becoming and being 'community psychologists' alongside our other titles. This session will invite all of us to reflect on our history and the history of similar movements, as we ponder: "Are we all community psychologists"?

Please **tick this box if you DO NOT give us permission** to use this in our book of abstracts that will be distributed to all Festival participants

Any Other Comments/Info relating to proposal: