

I'm thrilled to announce a call for proposals for the first of three international seminars on parenting and dance from the International Parenting and Dance Network! This first seminar will take place on September 15, 2023 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. You may propose to present in-person or virtually and the seminar is free to attend. Please submit a proposal by July 24th to this seminar. If you can't make this quick deadline, you may also submit a proposal later in the year for one of the other two upcoming seminars in England (April, 2024) and in Texas, USA (September, 2024).

Call for Submissions

International Parenting and Dance Network
Queen's University Belfast
15th September 2023

As part of the AHRC Networking Project, International Parenting and Dance Network, we invite proposals for our first symposium - 'Researching Parenting and Dance: creative and practice-based methods and processes' – at Queen's University Belfast on 15th September, 2023. As an embodied art form, dance provides a rich site of enquiry into parenthood, offering unique insights into the profound impact experiences of parenthood can have on physicality, subjectivity, and artistic working practices. This network brings together an international group of scholars, practitioners, and industry professionals who approach the topic of parenthood and dance from a variety of perspectives that cross disciplinary, methodological, and territorial boundaries. Three hybrid seminar events – two held in the UK (QUB, CCCU) and one in the US (Texas Tech) – will consider both creative processes and critical discourse intersecting with the topic of parenting and dance, and the work-life experiences of dance artists with caring responsibilities.

The first seminar at QUB will consider the intersection of parenting and dance across the following areas of research:

- Creative processes and practices that address and/or support parenting and dance
 - Performance and practice-based/practice-as research related to parenting and dance
 - Interdisciplinary and/or mixed methods research on the topic of parenting and dance
- Participation is free, but places are limited. For further information and to sign up to updates on the symposium programme

visit: <https://www.dancemama.org/internationalparentinganddancenetwork>

If you would like to present at the symposium, we invite proposals for papers, short screenings, and workshops.

Participation Note: Proposals are very welcome from researchers at every career stage and from researchers working in any discipline related to the topic. Participants of all genders (or none) and participants who are not parents/carers are welcome. Children are welcome at the

symposium as long as they are supervised by an accompanying adult at all times. We welcome breastfeeding parents to all symposium spaces and there will also be a feeding/resting space available for parents with babies/small children.

Format for submissions:

Papers should be of maximum 15 minutes duration. A maximum of 50 minutes duration is recommended for workshop proposals, and maximum of 30 minutes is recommended for screening length. Conference organisers will be in touch to discuss any changes needed due to the specificities of hybrid presentation, as necessary. Proposals for other, non-standard presentation formats are also encouraged.

Please include the following in your proposal:

- Names of presenter/s and organisational/institutional affiliation/s (if any);
- Title and type of submission (e.g., paper, workshop, screening);
- Whether you will present online or in-person;
- Any technical requirements;
- Biography of each presenter (max. 200 words);
- 300-word abstract/description.

Submission and Deadline:

Proposals should be submitted via GoogleForm: <https://forms.gle/Jm6Wdem2W27LED3j8>

On or before: 24th July 2023

Decisions will be communicated by: 1st August 2023

If you need to get in touch please contact us: parentinganddancenetwork@gmail.com

Bursaries:

A limited number of small bursaries will be available to support artists and/or ECR/postgraduate researchers who will incur costs to present at, or participate in, the symposium. If you wish to be considered for a bursary, please indicate this in your proposal. Bursaries will be awarded competitively, based on the quality of proposals received.

Further information:

Please see the project website hosted by Dance Mama for further information and to sign up to updates on the symposium programme

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Core Network members of the International Parenting and Dance include: Dr. Aoife McGrath (QUB), Dr. Ali Duffy (Texas Tech University), Lucy McCrudden (Dance Mama, UK), Professor Angela Pickard (Canterbury Christ Church University), Professor Madeline Harvey (Colorado State University), Susie Burpee/Balancing Act (Canada), PiPA (UK), OneDance UK, Chloe Hillyar (QUB), Aisling McCormick (QUB).

Please contact Dr Aoife McGrath, for further information about the QUB seminar: aoife.mcgrath@qub.ac.uk