

Conference Welcome

AUCC Conference

'Back to the future: looking backwards, moving forward'

University of Edinburgh, 23-25 June 2010
Welcome from the chair of the AUCC executive committee – Ruth Caleb
On behalf of the Association for University and College Counselling, I am delighted to invite you to come and join us for the 2010 AUCC conference, entitled 'Back to the Future'. This year's conference is particularly special as it will help us to reflect upon the significance of the AUCC's 40th birthday. Traditionally a 40th birthday was a time to say goodbye to youth and hello to middle age. But in keeping with the saying 'life begins at 40', the AUCC Executive would love you to come to celebrate our maturity as a profession.

Do join us to examine what we can learn from the past and explore how we can prepare for an exciting future. With so many changes around our context, and our profession, there is much uncertainty, but together at conference we will share our concerns and our responses for best practice and institutional support. There can be no better way to fulfill your CPD requirements.

We can't promise you a flying DeLorean time machine, but we can offer you a warm welcome, fascinating keynote speeches, workshops deeply pertinent to your context, the opportunity to network with your peers, and AUCC's birthday celebrations, all in the beautiful setting of Edinburgh University. I look forward to seeing you there, and to meeting friends and colleagues, both old and new!

Ruth Caleb

Chair, AUCC

Welcome from the chair of the conference committee - Charlotte Joseph
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To celebrate 40 years of AUCC (in one form or another) we thought it would be pertinent to reflect on where we have come from, celebrate where we are now and consider what the future might hold for University and College counsellors and psychotherapists.

And what better place to do this than the University of Edinburgh whose Counselling Service is also celebrating 40 years.

The ever-changing face of student counselling forces us to address the climate surrounding our services, and whilst we have a lot to celebrate, as well as much to look forward to, we cannot overlook the challenges facing us. Check the brochure for more details of our thought provoking 'discussion group' session where you will be able to air, share and discuss your views and discover how others are dealing with today's changes to, or in, their services.

The workshop programme will include a mix of speakers, some from within the AUCC membership who will be sharing relevant and innovative workshops addressing current and future developments in their own services. As ever, we are pleased to have some exciting keynote speakers and offer you the opportunity to gather alongside your peers in the increasingly popular daily 'home groups'.

We hope you will enjoy the event this year, which has been condensed slightly to reflect the economic situation. Whether you come for one day or the whole event, it promises, with your contributions, to be a fun and stimulating time at the beautiful University of Edinburgh.

Charlotte Joseph

Chair, Conference Committee