

## **Invitation for Expressions of Interest in Joining the Editorial Collective of Critical Social Policy**

We would be glad to hear from individuals interested in becoming members of the *Critical Social Policy* Editorial Collective (EC).

We are looking for new members of the EC with expertise in any areas of social policy, including those which embrace global and national perspectives. Because *Critical Social Policy* is a broad based social policy journal, EC members are expected to be able to review across a range of general social policy issues as well as within their specific area of expertise. Applicants are therefore asked to demonstrate a commitment to the general area of social policy as well as to specific areas of expertise.

We aim to reach beyond an academic audience to include activists, advocates, academics, practitioners, policy-makers, and users of services who are engaging with perspectives on power, resistance, emancipation, social justice and political transformation. We also welcome debate on how to initiate, engender and support struggles within the sphere of social policy. We welcome expressions of interest from individuals whose work fits within these areas.

EC Membership involves attending four EC meetings per year to discuss, inter alia, recently submitted articles. All articles submitted to the journal are read anonymously by three members of the EC. The work typically involves reading 6-7 articles for each quarterly meeting. Meetings are held on Saturdays and normally take place in central London. Attendance in person at the quarterly meetings is an expectation. All reasonable expenses, including care costs, are paid for attendance at EC meetings.

*Critical Social Policy* is a highly ranked, peer reviewed journal that provides an international forum for advocacy, analysis and debate on social policy issues. Published quarterly, it aims to develop an understanding of welfare from socialist, feminist, anti-racist and radical perspectives.

Critical Social Policy provides a space for critical approaches to the production, development and receipt of social policy and welfare. By engaging with issues rooted in political, economic, social and cultural power the journal interrogates conventional approaches to social policy and offers alternative and critically informed perspectives. In keeping with the commitment to confronting hierarchical ways of functioning that inevitably lead to unequal power positions, Critical Social Policy operates as a collective.

From the moment of inception, Critical Social Policy has been a political project confronting orthodox and traditional approaches to social policy, welfare and the state, seeking to put people before profit. Its original aims were, and continue to be, grounded in socialist, feminist, anti-racist and radical perspectives relating to the experiences of people struggling within or against the state. The journal continues to evolve, therefore, by engaging with questions of identity, position and power such as class, gender, 'race', disability, sexuality and age, so as to try and counteract exclusion, subordination and domination. The journal aims to interrogate critically social policy within the context of national and global social change.

A statement expressing interest in EC membership of up to two sides of A4, including a brief description of your current work and/or research interests and an outline of how these demonstrate a commitment to supporting the aims of CSP, should be emailed to Suryaia Nayak at [s.nayak@salford.ac.uk](mailto:s.nayak@salford.ac.uk).

Closing dates: June 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 for consideration at the June Board  
Sept 21<sup>st</sup> for consideration at the October board