Greater Manchester Social Work Academy

Training and Event Guide

2026 - 2027

Website: GMSWA

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About Our Partnership

The Greater Manchester Social Work Academy (GMSWA) was founded in 2015 and is one of 27 national social work teaching partnerships, formed with the aim of improving social work education, equipping social workers at all stages of their careers with the tools and experience they need to give the best service to the people and families that they serve. To achieve this our partnership has high level collaboration between partner organisations, largely Local Authorities and Higher Education Institutions (HEI's), where together they develop and deliver curriculums formed by social work practice to address the needs of social workers and student across the region.

GMSWA Vision and Aims

- Enhance the recruitment, training and development of Practice Educators to enable the provision of good quality and sufficient practice learning opportunities and placements for SW students across Greater Manchester (GM).
- Ensure a commitment that all social work students have access to high quality placements in a preferred area of practice/ learning and receive the appropriate support to reach their learning outcomes.
- Understand social work practitioner needs so that GM has the highest calibre of social workers, with a good mix of Newly Qualified Social Workers (NQSW) and experienced social workers who receive a continuum of learning at pre and post qualifying levels, supervision, and support in order to deliver the best social work services to GM.
- Provide access to post qualifying Social Work training and development, based on shared partners priorities.
- Enhance the support and development offer for Newley Qualified social worker's during their ASYE, ensuring a high quality and consistent approach to support the region's recruitment and retention needs.
- Broaden the engagement and participation across all areas of pre and post qualifying education, training, practice.
- Strengthen collaboration and sharing of knowledge between practitioners, academics and people with lived experience to influence change at practice and systematic levels.
- Ensure we maintain agility to respond to local, regional and national initiatives by ensuring the partnership has an effective structure, management and administration to support activity.

Our Offer to you

This CPD booklet has been designed to show the wide variety of CPD and events opportunities available to our social work community in Greater Manchester. All our CPD/ events have been developed in line with the knowledge and skills statements (KSS) and Professional Capabilities Framework (PCF) to enable social workers learning and development.

This booklet will be updated at various points throughout the year, to ensure that you are aware of the latest offers and availability please see the website at CPD – GMSWA.

Our CPD offer is open to all partners in our Partnership – see details of our partners: GMSWA, cost of which is included in the annual partnership subscription. Please note that some of the events are for primary partners only and these will be on a nomination bookings only.

How to Book on a course or event

Before enrolling on any event, please ensure that you have permission to attend by your manager/ supervisor.

Please note that some events are bookable by Eventbrite in which the link will be provided in this booklet under the course title. Where nominations are required, these will be collated by your relevant workforce/ principle social worker leads.

All courses advertised by Eventbrite will provide the date/ time/ location of the event so please ensure that you make a note of this when booking.

Please note that for online sessions, it is your responsibility to save the date until an MS Teams or Zoom link is sent to you to access the session.

In addition, it is your responsibility to ensure prior to the event you can access the MS Teams or Zoom link and that your organisation does not block access. This may mean you need to liaise with your own IT department to ensure that you can access the training or use a personal device such as mobile phone or personal computer.

Registration closing dates for all CPD/Events will be 5 workings days prior to event, to enable registration links and access links to be sent to all.

If you wish to cancel your booking then please do so via Eventbrite at the earliest opportunity, so that any further available places can offered out.

To review course details and to register for attendance please use Eventbrite.com

Eventbrite provides the course date, time, location and cost, it also lists future courses to enable you to find the date and time most suitable for you.

You can then register on your preferred course subject to any pre-requisites the course may have.

Practice Education Training and Development

In 2022 the Greater Manchester Social Work Academy (GMSWA) moved to a 'blended learning' programme for Practice Educators. This programme has been co designed and implemented by partners from our Universities and Local Authorities who are part of the GMSWA Practice Learning Steering Group (PLSG).

This programme has been designed to fit around you, providing flexibility, to enable to you to learn at your pace. The online programme compliments different learning styles, with online modules, containing both audio and visual content, videos, activities, and quizzes. The workbook provided is not marked by a tutor, it has been designed as a tool for you to record reflections, makes notes and includes useful tools and guides in each topic area. The workbook comes in both PDF and Word formats for you to use electronically. We ask that you bring a copy of your workbook (either electronically or paper copy) to the workshop, so that you can share your learning, thoughts and ideas as part of the group activities. To augment the on-line aspect of the programme, once this is completed, you are required to attend one face to face workshop. This will enable you to ask questions, clarify your learning and actively participate in group discussions and activities. It is intended that in this way, you will consolidate your online learning collaboratively with others.

Aims of the Practice Educator Training Programme:
1. Plan, deliver and critically evaluate practice-based learning opportunities which support a student's personal and professional development. 2. Assess and make judgements about the student's performance in the workplace against agreed criteria using evidence from a range of sources. 3. Manage the student's learning environment whilst ensuring the quality-of-service provision. 4. Demonstrate an understanding and application of adult learning theories in practice. 5. Apply and demonstrate a critically reflective approach to your own practice particularly regarding the application of an appropriate and professional value base. 6. Critically evaluate and integrate professional values in all aspects of practice-based teaching and assessment. 7. Clarity about your role as Practice Educator and the expectations and requirements of the role.

Process for Practice Educator Training.

- Meet eligibility – 2 years post qualified, permission and commitment to take a student and complete portfolio.
- Manager/ Placement lead enrols you on **Me Learning Practice Educator programme** to complete modules and workbook.
- Following completion of the Me Learning Practice Educator programme you then book and attend **ONE** of the workshops below. **Booking on the workshop is performed through ME Learning when the on-line content has been completed.**
- Availability for booking is staggered to encourage you to book on the nearest workshop to prevent long periods between the online and face to face teaching.
- It is important to note that completion of the Me Learning PE programme, workbook and workshop **is only the beginning** of the training. After this training you will support a student, then complete and submit your **Stage 1** portfolio to the Practice Educator Professional Standards (PEPS) Panel, if successful you will then be certified as a Practice Educator (at stage 1).

Practice Educator Training - Face to face workshops:				
Date	**Time**	**Venue**	**Capacity**	**How to Book**
22nd September 2026	**9:30 – 4:30pm**	**The Woodlands room at Abraham Moss, Crescent Road, Crumpsall M8 5UF.**	**20**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content
15th October 2026	**9:30 – 4:30pm**	**Peel Room Bury Town Hall**	**20**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content
25th November 2026	**9:30 – 4:30pm**	**University of Greater Manchester - QS08, Queens Campus, 65 Queen St, Farnworth, Bolton BL4 7DX**	**20**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content
11th January 2027	**9:30 – 4:30pm**	**Peel Room Bury Town Hall**	**20**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content
10th February 2027	**9:30 – 4:30pm**	**University of Greater Manchester - QS08, Queens Campus, 65 Queen St, Farnworth, Bolton BL4 7DX**	**20**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content
3rd March 2027	**9:30 – 4:30pm**	**Spindles Shopping Centre, George St, Oldham OL1**	**20**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content

Practice Educator Training - Face to face workshops:				
Date	**Time**	**Venue**	**Capacity**	**How to Book**
28th April 2027	**9:30 – 4:30pm**	**University of Greater Manchester - QS08, Queens Campus, 65 Queen St, Farnworth, Bolton BL4 7DX**	**20**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content
9th June 2027	**9:30 – 4:30pm**	**Wigan Town Hall, Library Street, Wigan, WN11DF**	**20**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content
13th July 2027	**9:30 – 4:30pm**	**Stopford House, Piccadilly Stockport SK1 3XE**	**20**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content

Stage 2 – Practice Education Training

Following completion of Stage 1 Practice Education training, you will now be ready to support another learner to progress to be a Stage 2 Practice Educator.

Stage 2 involves the PE working with a second learner: either a second social work student, an NQSW undertaking their Assessed and Supported Year in Employment or a social worker undertaking the AMHP training, being observed in their supervision.

When you are ready to progress to Stage 2 Practice Education, where you will be required to complete two online modules, workbook and attend a half day online live workshop.

- Critical Reflection
- Critical Analysis

Process for Stage 2 Practice Education Training

- Completion (passed) Stage 1 and commitment to support another learner.
- Manager/ Placement lead enrols you on **Me Learning Stage 2 programme** to complete modules (above) and workbook.
- Following completion of the Me Learning Stage 2 programme you then book and attend **ONE** of the ½ day virtual workshops below. **Booking for these workshops is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content.**
- Availability for booking is staggered to encourage you to book on the nearest workshop to prevent long periods between the online and face to face teaching.

Stage 2 Training: ½ Day Online Workshops			
Date	**Time**	**Capacity**	**How to Book**
11th November 2026	**10:00 – 12:30**	**60**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content
24th February 2027	**10:00 – 12:30**	**60**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content
22nd June 2027	**10:00 – 12:30**	**60**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content
20th August 2027	**10:00 – 12:30**	**60**	Booking is through ME Learning on completion of the on-line content

Practice Educator Refresher Training

In collaboration with colleagues across the North West regions, we have co-produced and are delivering regular Practice Educator 'Refresher' workshops throughout the year.

These workshops are for Practice Educators (PE's) who have not supported a social work student or learner in the last 2 years and will provide an opportunity for:

- Qualified PEs to review current expectations and review their role and responsibilities, ensuring they maintain their currency as a qualified PE
- Those in training who may yet not have completed and need to be re-energised or re-motivated to continue as a PE
- PEs who are qualified and wish to be updated and refreshed

Date	Time	How to Book
4th September 2025	09:30 to 16:30	PE Refresher
13th November 2025	09:30 to 16:30	PE Refresher
5th February 2026	09:30 to 16:30	PE Refresher
14th May 2026	09:30 to 16:30	PE Refresher

If you have any difficulties registering please contact: Cheshire and Merseyside Social Work Teaching Partnership at **cmswtp@edgehill.ac.uk**

North-West PE Mentor Training

In collaboration with colleagues across the Northwest regions, we have co-produced and are providing Practice Educator Mentor training for our Practice Educators.

These workshops equip new or aspiring PE Mentors with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to support trainee Practice Educators, including in complex situations. Participants will gain valuable peer connections and receive a certificate confirming completion of CPD and qualification as a PE Mentor.

We have workshops for experienced PE Mentors which aims to who to refresh their knowledge and stay up to date with current practices.

CHESHIRE & MERSEYSIDE Social Work Teaching Partnership

GMSWA

Cheshire East Council

Cumberland Academy for Social Care

Westmorland & Furness Council

Children's Social Work Academy

Practice Educator Mentor Training

NEW PE Mentor Training:
This workshop equips new or aspiring PE Mentors with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to support trainee Practice Educators, including in complex situations. Participants will gain valuable peer connections and receive a certificate confirming completion of CPD and qualification as a PE Mentor.

DATES
Cohort 1 | 16th Oct, 25 | 9.30am-12.30pm | Online

Cohort 2 | 29th Jan, 26 | 9.30am-12.30pm | Online

NEW Experienced PE Mentor Training;
This training is for existing, experienced PE Mentors who wish to refresh their knowledge and stay up to date with current practices.

DATES:
Cohort 1 | 11th Dec, 25 | 9.30am-12.30pm | Online

Cohort 2 | 3rd Mar, 26 | 9.30am-12.30pm | Online

Please make sure you only choose one of the sessions

Note: It will not be possible to go on the New PE Mentor Training and then immediately sign up to the Experienced PE Mentor Training

Secure your spot!

Use this link to register:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuw9v84qfIpJ0QLpodEJ2R5pijT2Zp5Jn-Pm2aYg8WnAtCrg/viewform

PE Mentor Training

This workshop equips new or aspiring PE Mentors with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to support trainee Practice Educators, including in complex situations. Participants will gain valuable peer connections and receive a certificate confirming completion of CPD and qualification as a PE Mentor

Date	Time	How to Book
16th October 2025	**09:30 to 12:30**	**North-West PE Mentor Training | Registration**
29th January 2026	**09:30 to 12:30**	**North-West PE Mentor Training | Registration**

Experienced PE Mentor Training

This training is for existing, experienced PE Mentors who wish to refresh their knowledge and stay up to date with current practices

Date	Time	How to Book
11th December 2025	**09:30 to 12:30**	**North-West PE Mentor Training | Registration**
3rd March 2026	**09:30 to 12:30**	**North-West PE Mentor Training | Registration**

Practice Educator - Placement Processes Refresh

As a follow up to the refresher training and collaboratively facilitated with all our Universities in Greater Manchester.

This session is for Practice Educators, preparing for students, who want to have a refresh over the local placement processes and policies from our four universities.

This session will cover placement application forms, student and placement handbooks and next steps when accepting your student.

Guidance to Practice Educator CPD will shared.

Date	Time	How to Book
	10:00 to 12:00	Placement-processes-refresh
	10:00 to 12:00	Placement-processes-refresh

Practice Educator Masterclasses

Our Practice Educator training offer does not end after completion of the training programme, as a Practice Educator (PE) you will be part our Greater Manchester Practice Educator community, whereby you will be able to access our offers.

Each year our Practice Learning Steering Group collaborate to co design and deliver a series of Practice Educator Masterclasses. Theses Masterclasses are short online focussed sessions which are often repeated throughout the academic year to support attendance needs. The sessions cover a wide variety of topics such reflective supervision, Induction, linking theory to practice and many more.

See below for topics and links to book on:

Topic	Date	Time	How to Book
GMSWA Anti-racist practice masterclass: *During this session we will:* *•Explore bias, power and assessment in placements* *•Strengthen transparent Practice Educator decision-making* *•Move from reflection to accountable action*	**24th November 2026**	**10:00 – 12:30**	**Please click here**
	10th February 2027	**14:00 – 16:30**	**Please click here**
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Reflective Supervision: *How to use reflective supervision effectively with your students and learners, and how to enhance your skills as a facilitator in reflective supervision.*	**27th January 2027**	**10:00 – 11:30**	**Please click here**
	28th April 2027	**10:00 – 11:30**	**Please click here**
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Induction *Supporting Practice Educators preparing to welcome students to their team*	**15th October 2026**	**10:00 – 12:30**	**Please click here**
	21st January 2027	**10:00 - 12:30**	**Please click here**
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Preparation for Stage 1: *Reviewing the requirements for the stage 1 portfolio, sourcing opportunities to demonstrate capabilities against the PEPS (Practice Educator Standards).*	**Now presented as a video.** **To view Please Click Here**		
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**

Preparation for Stage 2: *Reviewing the requirements for the stage 2 portfolio, sourcing opportunities to demonstrate capabilities against the PEPS (Practice Educator Standards).*	**Now presented as a video.** **To view Please Click Here**		
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Linking Theory to Practice: *A refresh of social work theories, identifying theories to inform and theories to intervene. Supporting students to make the links from theory and where they can apply them in practice.*	**23rd October 2026**	**09:30 – 11:00**	**Please click here**
	21st January 2027	**09:30 – 11:00**	**Please click here**
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Linking the PCF and SWEPS with students *Overview of the PCF and SWEPS and how to demonstrate values and ethics when assessing a student's capabilities.*	**10th December 2026**	**10:00 – 11:00**	**Please click here**
	25th February 2027	**10:00 – 11:00**	**Please click here**
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Supporting Struggling Students: *Exploring ways Practice Educators can support students who struggle on placements. Identifying different tools and models to engage with students to identify learning needs, and evidencing concerns.*	**6th October 2026**	**10:00 – 12:00** **In Person Event**	**Please click here**
	17th March 2027	**14:00 – 16:00**	**Please click here**
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Direct Observations: *A focus on preparing to carry out an observation of your student/ learner. The importance of taking a collaborative, reflective approach to observing practice. How to use supervision to prepare for the*	**25th November 2026**	**10:00 – 12:00**	**Please click here**
	24th March 2027	**10:00 – 12:00**	**Please click here**

observation and providing meaningful feedback to inform practice.			
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Self Care and Wellbeing for Practice Educators *Online Practice Educator Masterclass on Self Care and Wellbeing, faciltated by Kathy Atowo from Rochdale Council. Supporting Practice Educators to recognise the importance of self care, especially managing students on placements.*	**28th October 2026**	**10:00 – 12:00**	**Please click here**
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Holistic Assessment and Report Writing *Overview of the principles of holistic assessment, exploring good practice, evidence-based report writing.*	**29th January 2027**	**10:00 – 12:00**	**Please click here**
	20th May 2027	**10:00 – 12:00**	**Please click here**
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Neuro-inclusion on Placement: Supporting Neurodivergent Students *Gain invaluable insights to better support your neurodivergent students.*	**19th November 2026**	**10:00 – 12:00**	**Please click here**
	25th February	**10:00 – 12:00**	**Please click here**

Practice Educator Forums.

Hosted by our University and Local Authority representatives who be able to support and provide guidance from both sectors on Practice Education, students, and placements. On registering you will be able to provide an agenda item which will be shared with facilitators prior to the event.

Date	Time	Capacity	How to book
1st October 2026	**10:00 – 11:30**	**50**	Register by using the link below **Please Click Here**
10th November 2026	**16:00 – 17:00**	**50**	Register by using the link below **Please click here**
12th January 2027	**17:00 – 18:00**	**50**	Register by using the link below **Please click here**

Student Masterclasses

Alongside our Practice Educator Masterclasses, we are now offering bespoke Masterclasses just for student social workers. The aim of these Masterclasses is to support students on their placement or those preparing for placement. We have collaborated with partners to create a selection of topics i.e. Well Being, Supervision and Social Graces.

These sessions are ***just for Students*** and are open to all students across our 4 Universities.

Please note where there are multiple links you only need to register once using a link, if one of the links shows the event is full then try the next link.

Dates for future courses coming soon

Topic	Date	Time	How to Book
Understanding supervision and using reflection effectively *Support students preparing for or on placement to understand their role in supervision and how to use supervision effectively to aid their development.*	**12th November 2026**	**09:30 – 11:00**	**Please Click here**
	26th January 2027	**09:30 – 11:00**	**Please click here**
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Introduction to Social Graces *Who are we and why does it matter in social work? Considering the impact of self upon our social work practice and becoming reflexive practitioners.*	**10th November 2026**	**10:00 – 11:30**	**Please click here**
	10th March 2027	**10:00 – 11:30**	**Please click here**
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Student wellbeing and self-care *Session for students on self-care and promoting wellness while on placement.*	**25th November2026**	**10:00 – 11:30**	**Please click here**
Topic	**Date**	**Time**	**How to Book**
Linking theory to practice through reflective supervision	**06th October 2026**	**13:00 – 15:00**	**Please Click Here**
	9th February 2027	**11:00 – 13:00**	**Please click here**

This student masterclass is an introductory session on social work theory and methods, supporting students to integrated theory into their practice.			

Post Qualifying Training offers.

A key priority for our teaching partnerships is to understand our social work/ practitioner needs so that Greater Manchester has the highest calibre of social workers, with a good mix of ASYE's and experienced social workers who receive a continuum of learning at pre and post qualifying levels.

In our workforce group we have provided a training programme for social workers across Greater Manchester.

ASYE (adults) Core Skills Programme (Primary Members Only)

The GMSWA support the coordination of the Adults ASYE Core skills Programme delivered by Griffin Care. For adult's social workers this consists of a 3-day training programme, covering a variety of topics impenitent to adult social workers.

ASYE CORE SKILLS – Adults - 3 Day Course		
Day 1 Course Details	**Day 2 Course Details**	**Day 3 Course Details**
• Relationship based practice, • Empathic practice, • Effective communication skills, • working effectively with resistance, • Critical thinking skills, • Ethical dilemmas • Personal skills inventory reflection and exercise	• The application of social work theories and intervention • Strength-based social work • Rationale for decision making • Positive risk taking	• Key principles of statutory legislation and real-world application • Complex case work • Group case study exercise

Dates for future Cohorts to be published

Writing Referrals: (Children Social Workers, managers/ commissioning and placement teams).

This training is provided by NWADCS (North West Assistance Director of Childrens Services Group - About Us | NWADCS). These sessions have been co-produced with independent fostering agencies and external providers of children's residential care and supported accommodation with the aim to improve the quality of referrals from local authorities to support better outcomes for children in external placements. The training session was developed for social care professionals who are required to write referrals and is also open to commissioning and placement teams.

Aim: To provide a consistent and quality approach to finding the right home and keeping the child at the heart of the process

Date	Time	How to Book
TBC		**Please email** placementsnorthwest@stockport.gov.uk **and include; name, role, organisation and preferred date**
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Greater Manchester Police (GMP) - Specialist Child Abuse Investigator Development Programme.

GMP are running a 'Specialist Child Abuse Investigator Development Program' for police officers. It is a 7 day course but the final 2 days are called "hydra sessions" which is focused on multi agency working. GMP would like to invite social workers across GM to these training sessions. The sessions will include a mixture of open discussion, planning and simulation exercises in responding to Child Protection incidents which require a joint approach to investigate and safe guard those involved. The sessions are the perfect forum for bringing agencies together, learning from each other and promoting partnership working around child protection.

GMP can offer 4 free places each term to Children Social Workers in Greater Manchester, please note attendees will need to be able to attend both days back to back.

Training sessions will be held at: Police Training Centre, Sedgley Park, Prestwich, M25 0JT.

Please note that these sessions get booked up very quickly however you can register for to notified of further dates.

To book on or for more information please contact DC Michelle Wright at the Vulnerability and Interview Training Unit, GMP training School - Michelle.Wright@gmp.police.uk or Tel: 0161 856 4861/ Mobile: 07841 668 497.

Please discuss with your line manager regarding permission to attend.

Term	Dates	Times
1	Mon 16th & Tues 17th February 2026	8-3pm
2	Mon 18th & Tues 19th May 2026	8-3pm
3	Mon 28th & Tues 29th Sept 2026	8-3pm
4	Mon 14th & Tues 15th Dec 2026	8-3pm

Return to Social Work

Update your skills, knowledge and experience as a social worker returning to practice.
The programme is offered free to qualified social workers living or working within Greater Manchester who intend to work for a Greater Manchester local authority after completing their studies. Social workers from outside Greater Manchester can self- fund for £1500.

Who is it for?
As a previously registered social worker who has not been registered with Social Work England (SWE) for between 2-5 years, this course will enable you to apply to register and return to practice.

Course overview
5 days refresher training
• You will receive updates on contemporary social work practice, particularly on legislation and safeguarding practices.
• Support will be provided to help you find current research and evidence to inform your practice.
• Meet employers who support the course through providing interview guidance and undertake mock interviews with you directly.

10 days supervised practice placement
Return to a practice setting to re-familiarise yourself with hands-on practice within a local authority or other statutory team. You will be offered supervision to guide you in this process. Placements and practice supervisors will be arranged by GMSWA. Please note that all applicants will need a current enhanced DBS to access a practice placement.

Private study
15 days private study will be evidenced in addition to the above to meet SWE requirements. This can be completed independently, or guidance can be given.

Any questions?
Please
contact SHSprogrammes@manchester.ac.uk or patricia.cartney@manchester.ac.uk

Next course to be scheduled.

On Site Supervisor Courses

The University of Salford Social Work Department are pleased to offer a programme of teaching for experienced workers who want to work with social work students on placement in the role of On-Site Supervisor (OSS). In this scenario you will be working with an Off-Site Practice Educator and the course content will help you to understand the difference between the roles and the responsibility of each one.

The course is specifically aimed at social care colleagues who are not registered social workers

The course is delivered over 2 days, the first day is in person and the second day is online.

Programme Content:

Setting the scene
The PCF
Roles of different people involved
Planning and Preparing
Managing the placement and induction
Anti-oppressive practice as an OSS
Supervision
Teaching and Learning
Assessment and the role of OSS.

The next course is to be scheduled

GMSWA Events

Safeguarding Practice Research Week 2025 (Online)

Practice Research week is an opportunity for Researchers, academics to come together with social workers, sharing research which informs practice.

Following the success of last years Practice Research Week for supporting Safeguarding week we are pleased to announce that plans are in process to host another week of safeguarding related CPD for all our social workers, students, academics in GM.

GMSWA will be running a series of Safeguarding events during the month of November.

To see the events and register to attend please see our programme on the website.

GMSWA Careers Fairs 2026 (face to face)

Our annual Careers Fair is an opportunity for Social Work students to find out what career opportunities are on offer across all our partners in Greater Manchester.

The events included:

- Employer stalls
- Employability Workshops
- Employers Panel
- ASYE Panel and information workshop
- Social Work Applications Workshop
- Mock Interview Sessions
- British Association of Social Workers (BASW)

Please see your placement lead for details.

World Social Work Week 2026 (Online)

The GMSWA will host a series of CPD sessions during the month of World Social Work Week..
Further details regarding this event will be included when available.

Practice Educator Annual Conference 2026

Each year the GMSWA host an annual conference centred on pertinent issues in Practice Education. Involving keynote speakers sharing key research, updates, learning and experiences, and providing tailored workshops for delegates to attend, maximising their learning and development.

Planning is underway for Practice Educator Conference 2025, so please keep a look out on our website Practice Education – GMSWA for announcements.

In Development:

Practitioner/ Trainer Status Programme

The Practitioner/ Trainer programme is aimed at qualified social workers across Greater Manchester who have an interest in teaching and the development of others. The programme is designed to upskill practitioners with the knowledge, skills and confidence required when preparing to deliver a training session. In this programme you will cover a variety of topics which include, adult learning theory, how teaching units are designed and delivered, measuring learning outcomes, managing a classroom and how to ensure inclusive teaching addressing additional learning needs.