

# Call for workshop presentations

## Social Research Association Annual Conference

6 December 2017, British Library, London

### 'Social Research in a Sceptical Age'

"The current climate of scepticism towards 'experts' has put many research practitioners and users on the defensive. Is it enough simply to assert the value of rigorous methods, or should we be checking, sharpening and improving our tools? If 'post-truth' carries real meaning then the pressure is on researchers to find a positive response – such as clearly communicating our findings and why they matter; and demonstrating how high standards in design, conduct and analysis are built in to our research.

*The SRA annual conference is the only forum the UK has for bringing together social researchers from all sectors and disciplines to share knowledge and ideas, to debate our most pressing professional issues, and, of course, to meet, network and talk.*

**Keynote: John Pullinger, National Statistician**

**Plenary speakers:**

- **Will Moy, Director of Full Fact**

- **Suzanne Hall, Research Director, Ipsos MORI**

- **Professor Tim May, Deputy Director, Sheffield Methods Institute**

Last year's annual conference attracted over 200 researchers from national and local government, research agencies and institutes, academia, and the independent and voluntary sectors, representing the full range of research methodologies. **We are looking for abstracts for 20-minute workshop presentations, with a focus around one or more of these themes:**

- Getting the message across
- The value of narratives
- Policy evaluation
- Embedding quality assurance
- The value of quality in evidence
- Qualitative innovation
- Quantitative innovation
- Involving research participants
- Dealing with the unexpected

Presentations are for parallel workshop sessions of 20 minutes (followed by a 10 minute Q&A). One main presenter per submission will pay a reduced delegate rate of £55.

Abstracts must be submitted using the **template Word doc** which can be downloaded here:  
[www.the-sra.org.uk/events](http://www.the-sra.org.uk/events)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Monday 7 August 2017**