**OLKC 2018**

**University of Liverpool Management School**

**Call for papers: *Learning to make a difference***

We are delighted to announce that the **Call for Papers** for the **Organisational Learning, Knowledge and Capabilities (OLKC) 2018 Conference** is now open at the website:

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/management/conferences-and-events/olkc/>

The conference takes place from 25th to 27th April 2018 in Liverpool (UK). In the context of ULMS, ‘Learning to make a difference’ has three distinct elements. First, a focus on providing an inclusive learning experience which enhances employability and inspires our students to become socially responsible citizens. Secondly, all Faculty members aspire to produce innovative research which has global impact and enriches our programmes. Finally, the School’s cutting-edge research expertise is focused on having demonstrable impact on business and society. Therefore, we encourage a range of different contributions – as outlined below – dealing with the theme of ‘learning to make a difference’.

Please submit an extended abstract (1800 words excluding references) **by** **October 18th, 2017**. Acceptance notification will be sent by 25th November 2017. Full papers (5,000-7,000 words) will be **due by 1st February 2018.** Abstracts and papers can be submitted *via* the conference website. Submission Guidelines are available at the conference website (see above). Content in the conference website will be added as the event develops and we invite you to check for updates from time to time.

**Full Papers**

**Those whose work is fully developed should submit their work as a ‘full paper’ and such papers will be evaluated according to the usual standard academic criteria of rigour, reliability and originality. Please submit an extended abstract of 1800 words by 18th October 2017. Full papers (5000 to 7000 words) will be due 1st February 2018.**

**Developmental Papers**

Submitting to the development stream will enable authors to obtain appropriate feedback to help progress their work towards a journal submission. The review stage will be used to provide guidance on how to strengthen the paper before presentation at the conference. Please submit an extended abstract of 1800 words by 18th October 2017. Revised abstracts (1800 words) should be submitted by 1st February 2018.

**Practice-led Papers**

We encourage practising managers and consultants who seek to engage with scholarship (those undertaking DBAs or Professional Doctorates for example) to attend the conference. Please submit an abstract of 600 words by 18th October 2017. A full Practice paper (3000-4000 words) should be submitted by 1st February 2018.

**Symposia**

The OLKC2018 theme is ‘Learning to Make a Difference’. Those interested in organizing a symposium related to this theme should submit an abstract of 500 to 800 words by 18th October 2017.

**Doctoral Workshop (PhD and DBA)**

We invite submissions for our doctoral workshop, which will take place in the University of Liverpool Management School on 25th April 2018. All students participating in the doctoral workshop will be eligible to attend the main conference without additional charge (except conference dinner). The Workshop will provide the opportunity for students to engage with experienced researchers and journal editors from the OLKC community. An extended abstract of 1000 words should be set out under 7 sub-headings: Objectives, Research methods, (expected) Findings, Research implications, Practical implications, Originality, Key references.

You will then be required to submit a paper of 4000 words by 1st February, following the same format as the abstract. You should also include an additional section (no more than 300 words) outlining the main challenges you currently facing in your doctoral studies.

**Please circulate the Call widely within your networks**

We look forward to welcoming you Liverpool. The conference venue is at the prestigious Hilton Hotel (4\*) located close to Liverpool’s iconic Albert Dock.

Best regards

Ossie Jones, Lisa Anderson, Elena Antonacopoulou, David Higgins, Allan Macpherson, Caroline Ramsey, Clare Rigg and Mike Zundel

*Conference Organizing Commitee*