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Many thanks for your interest in reviewing a conference for SJRCC!

**What sort of conference reviews do you publish?**

We publish reviews of conferences which are likely to be of interest to our readership. These may include conferences about: residential child care; children and youth care services; directly related areas, such as care experience history, education, health, policy.

**What guidance do you offer for reviewers?**

We have some technical guidance we ask you to follow.

Conference reviews should be **500-1,000 words** in length and written in **English**. The style and tone can be **more informal** than a typical journal article, but should be understandable to our international readership, and should contain no profanity, or discriminatory language or content.

Any context or country-specific terminology (e.g., ‘GIRFEC’, ‘The Promise’) should include a brief explanation for an international audience.

Further guidance on formatting and other technical guidance can be found in the separate Guidelines for Contributors document available in the Submission Pack on the journal web page [here](https://www.celcis.org/knowledge-bank/sircc-journal/instructions_for_authors). Please read these guidelines in conjunction with this book review specific guidance. Please also use the template provided.

We also have some non-technical guidance to consider in writing your review:

* Include a brief background to the conference: the theme(s), organiser(s), audience aimed at, and why you think it’s relevant to review it.
* Conference reviews are your own opinion. You can say what you liked and didn’t like about the conference, perhaps giving example of stand-out papers or presentations.

**What else do you need review authors to provide?**

We will need full details of the conference. This includes the title, organiser affiliations, date(s), location, website.

As well as the text of your review, we ask for your name and affiliation (which may or may not be a job title – we can discuss this if needed), and ideally an email address where readers can contact you (although this is not obligatory).

We also like to have a brief ‘About the review author’ at the end, so readers can understand a little bit about your personal perspective on the book you’ve reviewed.

Send your final text and the completed submission form to the dedicated SJRCC email address: [sjrcc@strath.ac.uk](mailto:sjrcc@strath.ac.uk)

**Anything else I need to know?**

We aim to be an encouraging and supportive Journal, and any comments from the editors on your submission will be offered in this spirit. We want the process of finalising your review to be as collaborative as possible, and welcome informal discussions or draft submissions at an early stage, should you feel you would benefit from that level of support. If you prefer to do this via phone or MS Teams rather than email, please let us know!

If you have any other questions, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

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