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Call for Abstracts – Leading Change in Public Services

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In light of the elections being held in May 2016 it seems highly pertinent to explore aspects of leading change in public service organisations.

Many of the established approaches to organisational change are based on private sector management practice. Typically these are, in line with the New Public Management philosophy, transferred directly to public service organisations. Yet increasingly this mentality is being questioned. At this colloquium participants will discuss existing models of organisational change and draw on traditional public administration to contribute to the development of our understanding of change within a public services context.

We would like to invite abstracts from interested participants for presentation at this colloquium. To contribute, please submit your abstract to events@gmu.ac.uk. Abstracts should be no more than 500 words (excluding references), written in English, single spaced, plain text and with no tables or figures.

All reasonable travel and accommodation costs will be covered for confirmed speakers. You should contact events@gmu.ac.uk prior to any booking in order to confirm costs.

Of particular interest are empirical papers though papers with a more theoretical / conceptual focus are also welcome. Possible topics include *inter alia*:

- The Role of Education and Organizational Development in Supporting Change
- Leading Change in a Multi-Agency Setting
- Public Service Motivation and Change
- Community Empowerment, Localism and Leading Change
- Using Big Data and Information Systems to Inform Change

Following the colloquium the event organisers plan to co-edit a special issue of a relevant academic journal. Speakers will be invited to submit their final papers to be considered for inclusion in the special issue.

- Final deadline for abstract submission is **1 April 2016**.
- Notification of acceptance/rejection of the abstract via e-mail by **Friday 8 April**.

The Joint University Council's Public Administration Committee is sponsoring this colloquium. To book your **FREE** place please contact events@gmu.ac.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you to Edinburgh!