The human body has the capacity to heal itself, to remain resilient in the face of extreme adversity and to reshape its environment. Our institutions – particularly those of health and welfare – appear also to display many of these qualities, yet the dynamic mechanisms of healing are poorly understood.

- What healing processes are at work in organisations as they seek to mitigate the pathological effects of crisis?
- What healing processes can transform an organisation’s resilience?
- What are the healing processes at work within the organisations whose job it is to heal others?
- How do organisations manage risk?
- How do organisations deal with failure?
- What advantages can the Viable System Model and the tools of management cybernetics bring to bear on these challenges?

## Call for Participation: Key Dates

The conference invites proposals for participation as abstracts from Systems Theory scholars and practitioners in health and other disciplines. Full details and the conference submission system are on the website. Further information can be obtained from Dr Mark Johnson:

- Submission deadline is 20th July 2017.
- Registration deadline: September 20th, 2017.

## Speakers

- **Prof. John Seddon**: leader of the Vanguard organisations, currently active in eleven countries. He is the originator of the Vanguard Method, the means by which service organisations change from a conventional command-and-control design to a systems design.
- **Dr. Liz Mear**: Chief Executive of the NHS Innovation Agency. She is also Chair of the national AHSN Network, representing all 15 AHSNs in England.
- **Prof. Gerald Midgley**: Former Director of the Centre for Systems Studies at the University of Hull, and past president (2013-2014) of the International Society for the Systems Sciences. He is known for his work on "Systemic Intervention".
- **Prof. David Welbourn**: Visiting Professor at the Centre for Governance, Leadership, and Global Responsibility at Leeds Business School and founder of Eupronia, a niche consultancy specialising in the leadership and governance challenges of whole ecosystems, especially in healthcare.
- **Dr. David Shiers, OBE**: David has led a radical service redesign for mental health. He became a key contributor to the WHO Early Psychosis Declaration (2004) and was joint lead with Professor Jo Smith of the UK’s National Early Intervention in Psychosis Programme (2004-10).