

Centre for Lifelong Learning First Annual Conference

Monday 29 June to Wednesday 1 July 2015

Dimensions of Lifelong Learning: Past, Present and Future

Call for Papers

Scarman House, University of Warwick

Purpose and Theme of Conference

This conference takes place against the background of celebrating thirty years of provision of adult education and lifelong learning at the University of Warwick. The thirty years anniversary offers the opportunity to reflect back on the history, theory, practice and policy of adult education in all its diverse settings in the UK, Europe and internationally as well as thinking about the present and looking to the future.

In reflecting on the past we will explore the changes that have taken place shaping the field of adult education today. This has, for example, included a shift in terminology and approaches from extra-mural to continuing education to lifelong learning, accompanied by a move away from a distinct field to one where boundaries have become blurred and differentiated with lifelong learning taking place in a diverse range of locations and settings, both formally and informally. Policy changes have altered the landscape so that a more economic approach has become dominant through vocational / work-based learning while the social purpose of adult education in the form of radical adult education has become less prominent. At the same time higher education, post-compulsory institutions (FE in the UK and community and adult education institutions) have become important players in offering lifelong learning to adults (non-vocational, vocational and digital learning).

The conference will focus on the dimensions of lifelong learning: past, present and future and how and why changes have occurred over time. What role have adult educators played in these changes? What do we want to reclaim from the past as we move forward? How have these changes affected the learning experiences and participation of adult learners? How can research help us to understand the changing nature of lifelong learning and adult education? How will the past shape the future or is looking back at the past just about nostalgia? In looking forward what are our utopias and hopes for the future?

The conference welcomes papers, symposia and roundtable discussions which contribute to research, theory, policy and practice in the education of adults.

The aim of the conference will be to bring together new and experienced researchers and research students as well as practitioners and policy-makers to critically reflect and examine the nature, role and discourse of the different dimensions of lifelong learning in relation to one or more of the following themes;

- Historical and current research on learning, policy and practice
- The analysis of conceptual changes
- Critical approaches to pedagogy
- The role of adult educators and institutions
- Methodological approaches to researching the dimensions of lifelong learning
- Theoretical approaches to the past and the present
- Issues of inequality such as class, gender, race, age and disability
- Learning, identity transitions and change
- Comparative and international approaches

Location

The conference will take place in Scarman House at the University of Warwick, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry, CV4 7AL, UK. Scarman House is one of three dedicated meeting and training venues at the University of Warwick. Residential delegates will be accommodated in double or twin en-suite bedrooms which include desk area, high speed Wi-Fi, LCD television, iPod docking station, tea and coffee making facilities etc. Delegates attending the conference will also benefit from onsite car parking. The campus, just a 5 minute walk from Scarman House also offers two major bank branches, a hairdressers, post office and range of café bars and restaurants. Further information about the venue is available from [Scarman Conference Centre website](#).

Call for Papers

Proposals are now invited for papers, symposia and roundtable presentations

Submitting a proposal for a paper, symposium or roundtable presentation

Abstracts should be submitted by *virus-free* email attachment in Word or RTF format to Barbara.Merrill@warwick.ac.uk. Abstracts must:

1. Show the title of the proposed contribution and whether it is a paper, symposium, roundtable or poster session. **They should not show the name of the author/s or affiliation. Please include the author name/s, affiliation, email address, postal address and the title of the proposed contribution on a separate page.**
2. The abstract must be no more than 600 words (font – Times New Roman, 12 points)
3. Include a summary of the main topic of the proposed contribution, showing clearly how it will reflect the conference theme.
4. Give an indication of:
 - (a) the key theoretical and/or research to which the contribution will relate;
 - (b) whether or not it will draw on new and/or existing empirical data.

(**NB:** full bibliographical details of any references cited in the abstract need *not* be included.)

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 30 January, 2015

Proposers (main proposers only in the case of joint papers or symposia) will be notified of the outcome of their proposal by the end of February 2015.

The deadline for the submission of completed papers etc. is 30 April, 2015.

These should be sent to Barbara.Merrill@warwick.ac.uk

Papers received after this date will not be published in the Proceedings

Guidelines for submission, together with conference registration forms, will be available on the Centre for Lifelong Learning website for download from January, 2015.

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- **Papers:** Papers should be 3,500 words maximum. This word limit includes references etc. The editors reserve the right to edit any paper which exceeds this limit and if it significantly exceeds this limit to return the paper to the author within a strict timescale. The time allowed for presentation at the conference will be 45 minutes. Presenters are expected to allow at least 20 minutes for discussion.
- **Symposia:** the word limit is 7000. This includes any references etc. The editors reserve the right to edit any paper which exceeds this limit and if it significantly exceeds this limit to return the paper to the author within a strict timescale.

- **Roundtables:** The roundtable is provided to enable new researchers, including postgraduate students, and those who wish to discuss aspects of work in progress, to do so in a more informal and relaxed context. It is useful for roundtable presenters to indicate the questions the author/s would like to discuss. An outline paper of approximately 1000 words is required for the Conference proceedings. These should conform to the 'house style' for papers.
- **Poster session:** Please email the topic of your poster session to: Barbara.Merrill@warwick.ac.uk

All **proof-reading** is your responsibility and must be done prior to submission. The editors reserve the right not to include any paper which, in their opinion, will reduce the quality of the proceedings.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be in Scarman House – a purpose built conference centre on the University of Warwick campus. All bedrooms are en-suite and are of a four star hotel standard. Residential guests will have full use of the campus swimming pool and state of the art sports facilities. Delegates attending the conference will also benefit from onsite car parking. Further information about the venue is available from the [Scarman Conference Centre website](#).

Conference Fees: <to be confirmed>

Full Package:

Day rate:

Student rate:

Conference Contact

Enquiries about the conference to:

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