

The 13th PASCAL International Conference, *Learning Cities 2040 --- Global, Local, Connected, Sustainable, Healthy and Resilient*, is taking place from **June 3rd to June 5th**, **2016** at the University of Glasgow. It is will focus on future directions for Learning Cities at a time of considerable challenge and opportunity for cities, with significant development in their role and contribution to learning.

Following soon after the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) 2nd International Conference on Learning Cities in Mexico City with the inauguration of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities, the UN Paris conference on climate change, and UN decisions on sustainable development goals, the conference provides opportunities to share ideas and experience on the development and role of Learning Cities in this challenging context, with opportunities for fresh ideas and innovative forms of partnership.

There are opportunities for academics, policymakers and practitioners to submit proposals for papers and special sessions for cities around the world to showcase their work. Cities as diverse as Taipei, Beijing, Townsville, Erbil, Duhok, Acireale, Glasgow, Swansea, Cork and Bristol have confirmed that they will be attending and promoting their work. Speakers include Raul Valdes Cotera from the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL). Sponsors include UIL, the publishers SAGE and Manchester University Press, Citynet, the Australian Learning Communities Network and the City of Glasgow.

The deadline for registration is May 22, 2016; to register, go to the Conference website.

We will be offering a very warm welcome to all of those who visit us in balmy June, and look forward to seeing you.