



Standing Conference on University Teaching  
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## SCUTREA Conference 2017: Expressions of Interest

Dear SCUTREA Members and Friends

SCUTREA's Annual Conference 2016 from 5-7 July at the University of Leicester is approaching and we are looking forward to welcoming you. In the meantime, we would like to start the process of organising our conference for 2017. We therefore invite you to send in an Expression of Interest for organising the 2017 conference. Usually, the conference takes place around the first week of July, but another date can be proposed that does not clash with conferences organised by our friends from other adult education communities such as ESREA's triennial conference, BERA post-compulsory SiG and UALL events.

The conference will be organised by the host institution, with the SCUTREA Council team as always providing strong support, to include sending out the call for abstracts, regular posting of information and updates on the SCUTREA website and Twitter feed, reviewing and selecting abstracts, awarding bursaries, helping with selecting the best student paper prize, and chairing sessions. One Council meeting is usually held at the host university in order to visit the conference location and discuss practical arrangements.

Expressions of Interest should be sent to the SCUTREA Chair, Ellen Boeren, at [Ellen.Boeren@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Ellen.Boeren@ed.ac.uk) **by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016**. This gives the Council time to discuss the proposals prior to this year's conference in July, and make a formal announcement there.

We are interested in proposals for conference themes that are aligned with the aims and objectives of SCUTREA, with many of our membership and Council members' interests in social justice, equality, widening access, policy, democratic participation, and teaching and learning for democracy, amongst others. However, our call is in no way limited to these and we are open to all conference themes that you consider relevant to the field of adult education.

Your Expression of Interest should be sent in Word format and attend to the questions we ask below:

1. Where will the conference take place? What facilities are available for residential participants and what facilities are available for plenary and parallel sessions? How many people can you accommodate?
2. Do you have a specific conference theme in mind? What is the rationale for focusing on this theme? Do you have keynote speakers in mind who would be interested in speaking about this topic?
3. Who are the people involved in organising the conference? What are the areas of expertise of your team in terms of academic profile, but also in terms of organisational and administrative experience in running conferences or big knowledge exchange events?
4. Do you see any opportunities to attract extra funding for this conference from your university or from other local networks you are involved in?

Many thanks and looking forward to your involvement in SCUTREA.

Best wishes,  
**Dr Ellen Boeren**  
**SCUTREA Chair**