



## SCUTREA 2017 Call for Papers

**SCUTREA's 2017 Conference** - 'Adult Education for Inclusion and Diversity' will take place from 4 - 6 July 2017, at the Pollock Halls campus of the University of Edinburgh.

### ***Standing Conference on the University Teaching and Research in the Education of Adults***

SCUTREA, established in 1971, organises annual conferences and brings together adult educators involved in research and teaching in the area. The annual conference provides researchers and professionals the field the chance to discuss the latest developments in adult education. Conferences are well attended by both national and international experts. Despite SCUTREA being an adult education organisation, conference papers are also highly relevant for those exploring the lives of adults and their educational background from a sociological, psychological, economical, geographical, artistic, ... point of view. The conference therefore aims to be truly interdisciplinary in nature.

The next SCUTREA conference will be hosted in cooperation with CREID – the University of Edinburgh's Centre for Education, Inclusion and Diversity. CREID has a longstanding tradition of carrying out high quality research and organising impact and dissemination activities relevant for both research and practice.

The 2017 theme is 'Adult Education for Inclusion and Diversity' and will appeal to many colleagues working in relevant areas such as education, sociology, psychology, geography, economics, the arts, .... Society is characterised by huge social and economic inequalities and adult education is considered to be a way of striving towards a more inclusive society that can embrace diversity. At the conference we hope to generate in-depth discussions on this situation and enrich each other's research experiences.

The conference welcomes papers that explore the way in which adult education systems and initiatives deal with inclusion and diversity of different social and economic groups in societies all over the world. Specific areas might include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Active citizenship
- ◆ Activism and democracy
- ◆ Adult education, character and the cultivation of virtues
- ◆ Creativity and innovation
- ◆ Families and communities
- ◆ Formal and Informal learning
- ◆ Learning in multiple communities
- ◆ Lifelong learning and mobility
- ◆ Second chance education
- ◆ Social inclusion in times of austerity
- ◆ Teaching and learning environments/spaces
- ◆ Wellbeing and aging
- ◆ Widening participation
- ◆ Workplace inequalities

## **Author Submissions**

Proposals are now invited for papers, symposia, posters and roundtable presentations on questions related to the conference theme and one of its strands. These should in the first instance take the form of an abstract. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 5.00pm (GMT) on 15 January 2017. All proposals should be submitted as a Word document and emailed to [creid-education@ed.ac.uk](mailto:creid-education@ed.ac.uk)

N.B. All contributions should locate the research they discuss and connect its significance in relation to adult education.

1. Individual papers:

Abstract of between 500 and 600 words

2. Symposia:

Overview (200 words) and abstract for each paper (maximum of 500 words each)

3. Roundtable:

Overview (200 words) and abstract for each participant (maximum of 500 words each)

4. Poster:

Abstract of 500 words

The selection of papers for inclusion in the conference programme will be based on quality of abstracts assessed through a process of peer review. Abstracts should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Abstracts must identify whether it is a paper, symposium, roundtable or poster
2. Abstracts should include a title (author/s and institutional affiliation/s on a separate sheet)
3. Each abstract should include a summary of the topic, a clear link to one of the key themes, should be well-grounded in the literature and should identify whether it is a conceptual or empirical piece. Full references need not be included in the abstracts.

### ***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 of individual papers at the conference will be 45 minutes. Presenters are expected to allow at least 20 minutes for discussion.

### ***Symposia:***

Papers should be 7,000 words maximum. 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(s) within a strict timescale. Symposia should be linked to one of the key themes or conceptualise the links between themes and this should be clearly identified in the proposal. A chair and discussant should be identified. The time allowed for presentation of symposia is 90 minutes. Presenters are expected to allow at least 30 minutes for discussion.

### ***Roundtables:***

The roundtable is a more informal context for the discussion of research or theoretical issues. It is useful for roundtable presenters to indicate the questions the 3 author(s) would like to discuss. An outline paper of approximately 1,000 words is required for the conference

proceedings. The time allowed for roundtables is one hour.

### **Posters:**

An outline abstract of 500 words is required for the conference proceedings. All proof-reading is the contributing author's 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 conference or the proceedings.

N.B. Papers and other contributions accepted for publication in the conference proceedings will be made available to delegates in digital format and on the conference website.

## **Submission timetable**

### **Deadlines:**

- ◆ Abstracts should be submitted by 5.00pm (GMT) on 15 January 2017. Proposers will be notified of the outcome of their proposal in mid-February 2017.
- ◆ Papers to be included in the conference proceedings should be submitted by 5.00pm (GMT) on 1 May 2017.
- ◆ It is a SCUTREA Conference practice for abstracts and not papers to be peer reviewed. However, occasionally we agree to papers being peer review on request. The deadline for submission of these is 5.00pm (GMT) on 11 April 2017.

### *Please note:*

SCUTREA has a tradition of including in the conference proceedings only those papers that are presented at the conference. All papers should be submitted as a Word document and emailed to [creid-education@ed.ac.uk](mailto:creid-education@ed.ac.uk)

## **SCUTREA Conference Bursaries**

For the 2017 SCUTREA conference, up to ten bursaries are available to doctoral students studying in the UK who are on low incomes, not employed full time in HE and/or who do not have institutional support. Bursaries will also be given to students outside the UK if they or their institutions are members of SCUTREA. Applications from Masters' students who do not have institutional support, and adult education practitioners/activists/researchers lacking financial support will also be considered. Applicants must address the themes of the conference and demonstrably contribute to the field of adult education research. Please indicate your interest in applying for a conference bursary when submitting your abstract by the deadline of 15 January 2017.

## **Conference Fees**

Conference fees from last year will be frozen and a range of packages will be available. The full residential conference package will include two nights' campus accommodation (breakfast included), access to all sessions, lunch and conference dinner on Wednesday and coffee breaks with refreshments during the entire conference. Non-accommodation packages will also be available as well as day rates. The 'early bird' full residential conference fee last year was £375 for SCUTREA members and £405 for non-members. Special rates will be available for students not on bursaries.

## Conference Paper Awards

SCUTREA is also offering three conference paper awards for the 2016 conference. These are as follows:

***Tilda Gaskell Award for the Best Student Paper.*** The prize is a certificate and the return of the conference fees (but not travel costs). It is named after Tilda Gaskell who was an adult educator who was a regular attendee and won a SCUTREA award as a student.

***Ian Martin Award for the paper that makes the most significant contribution to social justice.*** The prize is a certificate and £100 cheque. It is named after Ian Martin (Honorary Research Fellow of the University of Edinburgh).

***David Jones Award is for the best paper with a creative arts and/or international/comparative perspective.*** This reflects the research interests of the late David Jones, a former secretary and chair of SCUTREA. The prize is a certificate and £100 cheque.

When submitting your paper please indicate if you wish to be considered for this award. The SCUTREA officers have the discretion to make the award to a paper that has been included in the conference without the author(s) indicating that they wish their paper to be considered.