

5th International Conference on Employer Engagement and Training: 2018

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July 2018

[The BEIS Conference Centre, London Westminster](#)

Call for papers

This joint conference hosted by the charities [Education and Employers](#) and the [Edge Foundation](#) with support from the [Department for Business Energy Innovation and Skills](#), will focus on employer engagement in education and training, vocational education and how these relate to the Government's plans for increasing social mobility, the implementation of its Industrial Strategy and improving the flow of skills into the labour market post-Brexit. The conference also seeks to reflect on reforms and policy shifts in relation to vocational education and training and employer engagement internationally.

Conference themes

We welcome UK and international participation on the basis of these key themes:

Theme 1: The future of skills and labour

- Skills and labour post-Brexit
- International perspectives on how education offers solutions to tackle skills mismatch and shortages
- The role of employer engagement in education to tackle the growing skills mismatch
- The future of the youth labour market – UK and international trends
- School leavers and graduates transition to work in the 21st century labour market- UK and international case studies

Theme 2: Social mobility and the role of employer engagement

- The role and impact of employer engagement in primary and secondary education
- The role of employer engagement in improving diversity of provisions, equality and inclusion.
- Research into the impact of employer-led activities (work experience, career events, mentoring etc.)

Theme 3: Diversity in VET

- The role of employer engagement in VET sustainability
- Comparative studies of VET
- Equity and inequality in VET

- The relationship between VET and other forms of education
- VET's place in the UK and international education systems
- Apprenticeships: Awareness, delivery and assessment
- International systems and best practice

Theme 4: Governance and leadership

- National system leadership
- Local and regional leadership in skills policy
- Models of governance for VET at a local level

Dissemination

The [Journal of Education and Work](#) is once again a formal partner of the conference. Papers from the conferences can be expected to be hosted in a special edition of the *Journal of Education and Work*. Similar to the 2016 conference, papers will be collated in a [collection of Research for Practice essays](#). Papers presented at the London conference can also expect to be amplified across academic, policy and practitioner audiences. Papers and materials will also be disseminated through our research blog and newsletter which goes out to an audience of over 2,000 researchers, educators, policy makers and other interested stakeholders.

To submit a paper

Papers are encouraged from a range of organisations including universities and other public and private bodies using a range of methodologies from a wide range of disciplines including education policy, economics, sociology, human resource management and anthropology. We encourage both UK and international researchers to apply. Submit your paper [here](#).

We would like to see a range of individual papers, workshops and symposia. When you are submitting a proposal please indicate whether you wish to present in any of these formats.

All abstracts and proposals should be submitted by **20th January 2018**, accepted papers and proposals will be notified by **the end of February 2018**.

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Confirmed partners:



Emerging Researchers' Conference on Employer Engagement and Training

Wednesday 4th July 2018, 13:00-17:00

Venue: Central London (tbc)

The charities [Education and Employers](#) and [the Edge Foundation](#) invite you to a free half day conference in Central London. The Emerging Researchers' Conference is closely linked and precedes the 5th International Conference on Employer Engagement and Training. It provides a unique opportunity for postgraduate and emerging researchers to share and discuss their work with peers and scholars in a supportive and developmental environment.

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The themes for Emerging Researchers' Conference are similar to the main Conference. **To submit a paper please click [here](#).**

Deadline for submitting abstracts: **20th January 2018**

Notification of accepted papers: **end of February 2018**

Presenters at the Emerging Researcher Conference may attend the main conference at the concessionary fee.

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