

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.

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

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.

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

Conference papers will be collated as 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 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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