

First Notification and Call for Papers

The UALL Work & Learning Network

Annual Conference

‘Work & Learning: Innovation, Evaluation and Dissemination within the Workplace & the University.’

Keynote Speaker:

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Keynote title:

How would university courses differ if we took the needs of professional practice seriously?

Higher education courses don't need to meet the needs of work, but many of them seek to do so. However, they are based around models derived from the academic disciplines. This presentation explores what courses might look like if we attended to the nature of work and the practices that graduates engage in and rethought our courses accordingly.

In order to acknowledge the breadth of its interest in learning within workplaces and university settings the Work Based Learning Network has recently been renamed ‘Work & Learning’. The pivotal Network is now celebrating over 20 years of service in higher education and the professional world.

This conference will focus on the constant changing role of work and learning and the opportunities and challenges of sharing current and future practice.

The role of critical reflective practice will also be explored, in particular to review past 'lessons learnt' and their usefulness to inform and underpin future educational and professional practices.

Conference date: Friday, 26th of June 2015.

Conference Venue: Yunus Emre Turkish Cultural Centre, 10 Maple Street, London W1T 5H (nr Warren St. tube).

Cost: £80 including conference refreshments and lunch.

How to book: There is now an online payment facility for the conference fee, which is the preferred method of payment. Please go to the link below

http://www.onlinestore.mdx.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=5&deptid=11&catid=70&prodid=377

The conference welcomes papers, workshops and roundtable discussions which contribute to research, theory, policy and practice in work and learning. Conference themes may cover all or some of the following:

1. Opportunities and challenges for sharing practice: learning, teaching and assessment
2. Innovations in work and learning: future trends and approaches
3. Disseminating practice: how colleagues are getting the message out (internally and externally)

Proposals for Conference presentations/workshops (300-500 words maximum) and topics for round table discussion should be sent to Elda Nikolou-Walker (e.nikolou-walker@mdx.ac.uk) **by, 19th of June 2015**. Proposals from new researchers are particularly welcome.

Conference presentations will be considered for development into articles for possible inclusion in a special edition of the Journal of Higher Education, Skills and Work Based Learning.

<http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/journals.htm?id=heswbl>

or in the Middlesex University's e-journal: 'Work Based Learning e-journal International'

www.wblearning-ejournal.com/home.php