

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Faculty of Education @ Edge Hill University

Research and Professional Development Conference

Improving life chances and making hope possible through education

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th July 2025

Do you work or research in an area of work linked to our conference theme?

If so, we would be delighted if you could join us for two days of learning, professional development, and identifying how we can collaborate in the future to improve life chances and make hope possible through education.

Who are we?

We have been educating the teaching and education workforce for almost 140 years. Our vision of **'working creatively with others to enhance life chances'** is at the heart of who we are and what we do. We focus relentlessly on harnessing the power of education to transform lives, every day, in our work with our students and strategic partners.

We believe that everyone has the right to access education regardless of their learning journey and life experiences. No matter which sector you work in, to best understand and address challenges facing children, families, young people, and communities, it is essential that we work together, share knowledge, and collaborate.

The 2025 Faculty of Education conference at Edge Hill University provides the opportunity to do this.

Who should attend?

We want the conference to be as accessible and inclusive as possible. We are keen that it represents the diverse voices and experiences of everyone with an interest in the conference theme. As well as academic researchers, we particularly welcome contributions from:

- education, health and workforce development professionals
- schools, colleges and other education settings

- community partners (including charities and VCSFE sector organisations)
- child, adolescent, youth and adult services
- social care and social work professionals
- creative, digital and enterprise industries
- sport and leisure industries
- criminal justice settings
- alternative education providers
- policy makers, commissioners and civil servants

Our conference programme will be organised around our Faculty themes:

- Early Years Education, Families, and Communities
- Inequalities, Health, and Wellbeing
- Philosophy, Values, Ethics, and World Views
- Teacher Education and Professional Learning
- Transformative Education

What next?

If you can join us, we encourage you to think about how you would like to participate, to suit your needs and preferences. There are a number of options to choose from, or you can suggest an alternative. Below is an outline of what the options involve:

Individual presentation (20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)

Submit a proposal of up to 250 words

Group presentation (30 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)

Submit a proposal of up to 250 words for a presentation of up to 3 presenters

Poster presentation

Submit electronically (as e.g. ppt slide) for display during the conference

Roundtable (3-4 related proposals on a specific topic, 45 min presentation, 45 min Q&A)

Submit a proposal of up to 250 words per person plus introduction to the topic and named discussant

Workshop (90 min)

Submit a proposal of up to 250 words that sets out the focus of the workshop and who will be involved

Practical activity (90 min)

Submit a proposal of up to 250 words that sets out the focus of the practical activity and who will be involved

Conference stand / exhibition space

If you or your organisation would like to have a conference stand or exhibition space, please do suggest this and a member of the conference team will be in touch with you to discuss your plans.

Other

If you have another contribution idea, please do suggest this and a member of the conference team will be in touch with you to discuss your plans.

The deadline for submission of your proposal is Friday 25th April 2025 by 4pm.

Registration and fees

Conference registration will open soon.

The conference fees are listed below. Fees include refreshments on the days you are registered for and a drinks reception on the evening of 16th July 2025.

	16 July	17 July	Both days
EHU staff and students	no charge	no charge	no charge
Students/retired/unwaged	30	30	50
EHU partners, attending only	30	30	50
EHU partners, presenting	no charge	no charge	no charge
All other delegates	50	50	75

Travel and Accommodation

The conference will be held in-person on our beautiful Ormskirk campus, accessible by rail from Liverpool or Preston. Further travel information is available on our website:

<https://edgehill.ac.uk/travel>

For information on local overnight accommodation options see:

<https://www.visitlancashire.com/>

Questions? If you have any questions about submitting a contribution for the conference, please contact educationresearch@edgehill.ac.uk