

**12th Annual Conference on Research in Education (ACRE)
Faculty of Education: Edge Hill University**

**13th – 15th July 2020
Ormskirk, UK**

Call for abstracts

***Education for human flourishing: Places and spaces for
learning and teaching***

1st Call Deadline for abstracts: April 23rd 2020

To submit an abstract: www.edgehill.ac.uk/education/research/acre-2020/

ACRE Main Conference

Notions of equity, social justice and human flourishing are arguably fundamental to all educational research and pedagogy, and not just that which claims to be conducted within theoretical and pedagogical frameworks of social justice. There is a need for more political, philosophical and practical engagement around envisaging, creating and working in transformational learning and teaching spaces for human flourishing.

The Faculty's 12th *Annual Conference on Education (ACRE)* provides a dialogic and critical forum for exploring its principal theme of how learning and teaching supports human flourishing in different spaces and places. The conference is based around these ideas, and will therefore be relevant (but not limited) to those working in education – or whose work has import for education – and who are interested in how education for human flourishing might be facilitated by (or made more difficult by) different spaces and places for learning and teaching.

The conference is also interested in receiving proposals that relate to the conference sub-themes. Applicants are invited to select one or more to which their submission most closely aligns:

1. Digital spaces and places for learning;
2. Places and spaces for professional learning and change;
3. The environment and sustainable futures for education;
4. Learning in diverse community, social and informal spaces;
5. Change and development in Higher Education spaces and places;
6. Education settings as spaces and places for learning;
7. Socially just spaces and places for human flourishing.

The conference is hosted by Edge Hill University's Faculty of Education. Our aim is to publish, in some format, a position statement on the landscape of education in its many aspects, along with proposals for the future. We will not only be responding to current challenges, but also looking to future ways in which

education will be shaped. The conference looks to discuss how we can engage education for human flourishing with those futures. This includes considering contemporary education in light of factors such as the impact of the environmental crisis and the need for sustainability.

Doctoral Day School

Prior to the main conference, experienced researchers from across the Faculty will host a 'doctoral day', where new researchers have the opportunity to present their work in progress in a supportive space. There will be a lead lecture as part of the day, and plenty of opportunities to network and for discussion. If you wish to participate in the doctoral day school, please indicate this on your conference application. You are welcome to present at both the day school and the main conference.

ACRE Invitation

We invite you to provide proposals for a contribution you would like to make to this timely conference. We welcome the following formats:

- A formal presentation of a paper (not more than 20 minutes);
- A symposium around a common theme (up to four contributions, not totalling more than 1 hour 20 minutes);
- A contribution to the 'Ideas Café' (an issue or dilemma presented informally to a panel of practitioners and researchers, particularly aimed at those beginning their research journey - 3 minutes);
- Posters.

For formal presentations and symposia please submit an abstract of up to 250 words per paper.

For a poster submission, an abstract of 100 words.

For the 'Ideas Café', a short paragraph.

For the Doctoral Day school:

- A short abstract (100 words) of your PhD research.

Accommodation and travel

For those attending the conference from across Britain and from overseas we are able to provide accommodation on campus at reasonable rates. We have a beautiful rural campus next to the attractive market town of Ormskirk.

Close to Liverpool, the University is well served in terms of public transport and infrastructure, including an international airport. The city lies a little more than two hours by train from London, and is also under an hour away from Manchester and its international airport. Liverpool places a high value on its cultural life and resources and its theatre, gallery and music life thrive. It is an international city brimming with high quality international cuisine. More information is available via the EHU website:

www.edgehill.ac.uk/location/

Notification for applicants following peer review: **3rd May 2020**

Please submit your abstract via www.edgehill.ac.uk/education/research/acre-2020/

If you have any queries, please contact the conference team via educationresearch@edgehill.ac.uk

Booking details to follow.

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We would be grateful if you could share this information with any relevant networks and colleagues from other institutions.