

CALL FOR PAPERS



"Mountain trolls are expecting guests" by John Bauer.

Lifelong learning for older adults: Hopes, fears and expectations

The 6th conference of the ESREA Network on Education and Learning of Older Adults

Lifelong learning and the learning of older people are important issues for individuals as well as for society. An ageing population gives rise to fears and hopes – fears that the economy will not bear the cost of an ageing population and hopes of longer and meaningful lives. Learning and education play an intrinsic role. At the 6th ELOA conference, we will explore fears, hopes and expectations concerning the lifelong learning of older adults. What are the hindrances and obstacles and the pleasures and joys of learning later in life? What can be learned from ongoing initiatives and projects?

At this conference we will have the opportunity to explore tensions between interpretations of lifelong learning among researchers working in the areas of older adult learning, educational gerontology, and adult education. Based on the assumption that diversity and openness contributes to deeper understanding that benefits society, organizations and individuals, we will meet to problematize different approaches and perspectives. We invite papers that focus on theory, research or policy, and these will be discussed in parallel sessions.

Venue

14 – 16 October 2015,

Jönköping University, Sweden

School of Education and Communication & Encell – National centre for lifelong learning

Keynote speakers

Dr. Satya Brink, Canada, former Chair OECD in PIAAC and an expert in lifelong learning.

Professor John Field, Emeritus Professor at the University of Stirling.

Associate Professor Barry Hake, the University of Leiden, Netherlands.

Peter Jarvis, UK, Professor Emeritus, founder of the International Journal of Lifelong Learning.

Associate Professor Sabina Jelenc Krašovec, Slovenia.

Dr. Jane Watts, UK researcher, facilitator and evaluator of lifelong and community learning.

Conference topics may include:

- Older adults' participation in learning
- The role of learning for health and well-being
- Older adults' learning and technology
- Issues and barriers to lifelong learning
- Learning needs of people at different ages and stages of life
- Opportunities for lifelong learning in different countries
- Inclusion and exclusion in older adults learning
- Older workers and intergenerational learning
- Opportunities for older adults to participate in further education, higher education and voluntary sectors
- Policy initiatives for older adults' participation in education and training
- The role of learning as a response to the demographic challenge of an ageing society

Submission of papers

Participants wishing to present a paper are invited to submit an abstract (maximum 300 words including title). The author's name, institution, address and email should be presented on a separate sheet, together with the title of the paper. All abstracts will be considered by the Academic Committee. The conference will be held in English.

The date for submission of abstracts is 30 April 2015. All abstracts are to be submitted to Karolina.Boberg@hik.hj.se. Acceptance will be confirmed by 18 May 2015.

Important dates 2015

30 April	Deadline for submission of abstracts
18 May	Acceptance of abstracts will be confirmed
15 July	Deadline for early bird registration (If payment have not been received by this date, the higher fee will be applicable)
15 September	Final deadline for registration and payment of the conference fee
15 September	Final papers must be submitted
14-16 October	Date of the conference

We invite you to join us and look forward to meeting you in Jönköping, Sweden!