3rd Erasmus Mundus Special Education Needs International Conference (EMSENIC)

Towards inclusion: being with others

Thursday 24 and Friday 25, June 2010
Roehampton University, London

The 3rd EMSENIC conference will bring together professionals and researchers from a diverse range of settings who have an interest in Special and Inclusive Education and who are seeking to develop sustainable policy and practice for inclusion in local, national and international contexts.

The conference will enable participants to share and explore ideas through papers and presentations framed by the central theme of “being with others”. This may be interpreted widely by conference presenters according to their diverse interests, experiences and perspectives.

The conference is both an opportunity to engage with different ideas and perspectives and an opportunity to develop personal and professional links by being with colleagues from different cultures, countries and communities.

Call for papers
To submit a presentation/conference paper, please send an abstract of no more than 500 words to enterprise@roehampton.ac.uk, putting “EMSENIC abstract proposal” in the subject box. The deadline for abstracts is 31 March 2010.

Conference fees
With one night's accommodation*: Early bird fee** (two days): £220 per person Normal fee (two days): £270 per person One-day fee: £110 per person
Without accommodation: Early bird fee** (two days): £180 per person Normal fee (two days): £230 per person One-day fee: £90 per person

*Inclusive accommodation will be for the evening of Thursday 24 June and will be a room based on campus, in the Halls of Residence.
**Early bird fees are for those delegates who book between the opening of registration (date to be confirmed) and Wednesday 31 March 2010.

For further information and to book your place, please see: www.roehampton.ac.uk/education/events/EMSENIC.html

If you have any queries, please email the Conference Administrator, Natalie O’Driscoll (email: n.odriscoll@roehampton.ac.uk).
Programme

Thursday 24 June 2010

8–10am Registration – refreshments available
10–11am Welcome
11am–12pm Keynote 1: Professor Tony Booth
12–1pm Session 1 (3 parallel sessions)
1–2pm Lunch
2–3.30pm Session 2 (3 parallel sessions)
3.30–4pm Refreshment break
4–5pm Keynote 2: Professor Felicity Armstrong
6.30pm Gala dinner

Friday 25 June 2010

9–10am Registration – refreshments available
10–11.30am Session 1 (3 parallel sessions)
11.30am–12.30pm Poster presentations
12.30–1.30pm Lunch
1.30–3pm Session 2 (3 parallel sessions)
3–3.30pm Refreshment break
3.30–4.30pm Keynote 3: Ingrid Kroener, Inclusion International
4.30–5.30pm Closing ceremony

Please note that this programme is provisional and may be subject to change.

Keynote speakers

Professor Tony Booth (Canterbury Christ Church University)

Tony Booth has researched, written and taught on issues of inclusion and exclusion over more than 30 years. He has authored and co-authored several books linking inclusion explicitly with values-based and rights-based education, education for sustainable communities and environments, ensuring that education links local with global understandings. He is the principal author of the “Index for Inclusion” and a version of the “Index for early years and childcare”. He co-authored with Mel Ainscow and Alan Dyson “Improving schools, developing inclusion”, and with Mel Ainscow “From them to us; an international study of inclusion in education”. He has travelled widely, speaking at international conferences and working with groups of colleagues around the world.

Professor Felicity Armstrong (Institute of Education, London)

Professor of Education at the Institute of Education University of London, Felicity Armstrong’s work focuses primarily on policy and practices relating to inclusive education in local, national and international contexts and Disability Studies. She is leader of the Inclusive Education Special Interest Group at the Institute of Education. Her specific research interests include inclusive education, policy, practice, comparative research, action research, and cross-disciplinary enquiry (history, cultural geography).


Ingrid Kroener (President of Inclusion Europe)

Ingrid Kroener was involved in the Inclusion Movement since 1977. A mother of a child with Down Syndrome, she fought tirelessly for human rights for people with intellectual disabilities in all spheres of society. She has been associated with Inclusion International since 1994 and was appointed as President of Inclusion Europe in 2006. She also serves as Vice-President of the National German association of people with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Her work has included involvement on the Task Force for the International Year of the Families. Among her greatest achievements has been her influence as a speaker for parent groups in the German Federal State of Hamburg on changing the system towards inclusive education and residential support services to achieve independent living. Since then she has chaired the Supervisory Council of the Supported Employment Service in Hamburg and has been a member of the European Coalition for Community Living (ECCL).