

# ESREA

European Society for Research on the Education of Adults

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## ESREA Network on Gender and Adult Learning

Next Meeting **8 – 10 October 2009 University of Hull**

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### Conference Theme

**Researching Gender: Participation, Identity and Flexibility in Adult Learning.**

- Gender and participation in lifelong learning
- Gender and identity in adult learning
- Flexibility , gender and adult learning
- Gender and informal learning

### Call for Papers and Poster Presentations

- The conference language is **English**.
- Proposals are invited for papers and poster presentations on the above themes. Abstracts should be one side of A4 maximum (400-600 words) and should include a title and state whether it is a paper or a poster presentation but not the author/s name/s or institution/s. These should be stated in the email accompanying the abstract together with name, institutional affiliation, phone and postal details.
- All abstracts for papers and poster presentations to be submitted by **1 May 2009**.
- Final papers (no more than 5000 words) should be submitted by **1 September 2009**.  
Oral presentations must not exceed 25 minutes.  
There will be at least 20 minutes for debating each paper.

### Guidelines concerning ESREA bursaries

- ESREA offers a limited numbers of bursaries for PhD students (or equivalent) who wish to participate in an ESREA conference/meeting. To be eligible to apply the student needs to be a member (individual or covered by an institutional membership) of ESREA, and the student needs to have submitted a paper or poster proposal.

### Scientific Committee

Joanna Ostrouch, Edmée Ollagnier, Sheila Gaynard

### Organising Institutions

- ESREA: European Society for Research on the Education of Adults: [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org)

ESREA promotes and disseminates theoretical and empirical research on the education of adults and adult learning in Europe through research networks, conferences and publications. It provides a Europe-wide forum for all researchers engaged in adult education and learning. The research networks hold seminars for the exchange of research and discussion and to encourage publications.

- University of Hull, UK

Full details about writing papers, fees, registration, venue and accommodation will shortly appear on ESREA's Website under Conferences.

For further information please contact Sheila Gaynard: [ESREAGender@hull.ac.uk](mailto:ESREAGender@hull.ac.uk)

### **Aims-themes of the network:**

The gender issue is visible in research in the Educational Sciences, but it mainly concerns formal education and children. The purpose of this ESREA network is throw more light upon this field of research in adult education in Europe. Reports of research are discussed in terms of their theoretical aspects such as gendered learning, gender in higher education, gendered biographies, masculinities-feminities, gender in adult training, but also in terms of their methodological dimensions.

### **Recent meetings:**

The last meeting was held in Olsztyn, Poland in July 2007. The previous meeting was held at the University of Geneva in October 2005. Two main topics were considered: methodological issues for gender research in adult education and learning, and the roots of methodology in gender studies applied to adult education; ethical questions constituted the second theme of the networks meeting. This explored gender in the academy, in the structures and relationships of educational institutions.

### **Network Convenor:**

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### **Publications:**

Dybbroe, B. & Ollagnier, E. (Eds) (2003), *Challenging Gender in Lifelong Learning: European perspectives*, Roskilde: Roskilde University Press

Ostroch, J. & Ollagnier, E. (Eds.) (2008) *Researching gender in adult learning*, Frankfurt: Peter Lang. European Studies in Lifelong Learning and Adult Learning Rese