

Annual Conference 2018. Emerging Landscapes: Constructing and Re-constructing Spaces for Youth and Community Work Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th June: Wrexham Glyndwr University



The Association is delighted to be hosted by **Wrexham Glyndwr University** for this year's Annual Conference in the week that Wales celebrates '[Youth Work Week](#)'. This provides a timely opportunity for Association members and our wider network to celebrate and reflect on the 'emerging landscapes' for youth and community work across the four nations of the United Kingdom and with our partners from around the globe.

There is no doubt that youth and community work, as a distinct professional practice, has faced considerable challenges during a period of austerity in the UK – however – we are witnessing a re-emergence of practice and its expressions in new and renewed spaces across the four nations and around the globe. Our conference will explore this emerging landscape through main sessions that address national and international perspectives on constructing and reconstructing spaces for youth and community work practice.

In addition to our main conference sessions, there will be three seminar streams addressing 'Emerging Landscapes', delivered in partnership with BERA SIG ([British Education Research Association Special Interest Group](#)) Youth Studies and Informal Education. We look forward to receiving contributions from members and sectors colleagues on the themes of: Diversity of Practice; Sustainable Futures; and Collective Identity; for Youth and Community Work practice.

The conference will be opened with a key note from Tim Feak, Diocesan Youth Officer for the Church in Wales. We also welcome a range of members and colleagues contributing to the conference, from the welcome team and main session speakers to seminar/workshop presenters and key facilitators/chairs.


Please note that all conference sessions will take place in the Catrin Finch Conference Centre. You can locate this at no.17 on the [Glyndwr Campus Map](#); also provided on page four of this programme. Have a great conference!

Wednesday 27 th June, 2018			
Day and Time	Programme Item	Contributors	Location
Wednesday 1.00-4.00pm	Welcome Team Reception (You will be provided with welcome packs, ID and directions to accommodation)	Welcome Team	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Reception
Wednesday 3.00-4.00pm	Welcome Briefings: 1. New Members/Attendees welcome 2. Researchers welcome 3. Programme/Course Leaders welcome	Paul Fenton Dave Beck Lyn Boyd & Jo Lewis	Catrin Finch 1. Room 1 2. Room 2 3. Room 3
Wednesday 4.00-4.30pm	Refreshments Catrin Finch Conference Centre Reception	Welcome Team	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre
Wednesday 4.30-6.00pm	Conference Session: 'Emerging Landscapes' 1. Welcome 2. Response / Introduction 3. Key Note	1. Dr Maria Hinfelaar (VC) 2. Jo Lewis 3. Tim Feak	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Auditorium
Wednesday 6.00-7.30pm	Dinner (Self-Service)		Main Refectory A Block
Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm	Conference Session: 'Policy & Practice' 1. Introduction: P&P Series Evaluation 2. Presentation: P&P Outcomes for Wales 3. Discussion: Lessons and Next Steps for the Policy & Practice Seminar Series	1. Paul Fenton (PALYCW) 2. Nichola Welton & Darrell Williams (UWTSD) 3. Facilitated Dialogue	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Auditorium
Wednesday 9.00-11.00pm	Conversations and Quiz of the Year! Lounge and Bar		Catrin Finch Conf. Centre

Thursday 28 th June, 2018			
Day and Time	Programme Item	Contributors	Location
Thursday 8.00-9.00am	Breakfast (Self Service)		Main Refectory A Block
Thursday 9.00-9.30am	Conference Session: Diversity of Practice Introduction: Presentation: <i>'When letting go means opening up: Sticky issues for Diversity of Practice in Youth and Community Work'</i>	Chair: Ian McGimpsey Jo Lewis University of Worcester	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Main Rm 1
Thursday 9.30-10.45am	Twinned Seminar Option 1: 1. <i>Partispace: Reflections from a European Research Project on Youth Participation</i> 2. <i>Creative Nottingham North – A socially-engaged art programme as part of community development</i>	Chair: Lyn Boyd Janet Batsleer Manchester Met. University Frances Howard Nottingham Trent University	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Main Rm 1
Thursday 9.30-10.45am	Twinned Seminar Option 2: 3. <i>The case of 'ACYP' - austerity and the reimagining of youth and community work in the outdoors</i> 4. <i>Outdoors Education as a context for transformation: exploring spirituality in wild places</i>	Chair: Tim Howell Jean Harris-Evans Sheffield Hallam University Robin Smith CYM (Staffordshire University)	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Main Rm 2
Thursday 10.45-11.15am	Refreshment Break Catrin Finch Conference Centre Reception		Catrin Finch Conf. Centre
Thursday 11.15-11.45am	Conference Session: Sustainable Futures Introduction: Presentation: <i>How can we 'measure' what matters?</i>	Chair: Sheila Curran Susan Cooper University of St Mark and St John, Plymouth	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Main Rm 1
Thursday 11.45-1.00pm	Twinned Seminar Option 1: 1. <i>Digital Youth Work</i> 2. <i>Sustainable development on the Three Horizons</i>	Chair: Ian McGimpsey James Dellow University of East London Wayne Richards University of Worcester	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Main Rm 1
Thursday 11.45-1.00pm	Twinned Seminar Option 2: 3. <i>Youth Working Youth Workers – Navigating Support for Undergraduate Youth Work Students</i> 4. <i>Sustaining a workforce facing increasing levels of secondary trauma</i>	Chair: Dave Beck Tim Howell University of Derby Kelly McCarthy University of South Wales	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Main Rm 2
Thursday 1.00-2.00pm	Lunch (Self-Service)		Catrin Finch Conf. Centre
Thursday 2.00-5.00pm	Conference Visit to Erdigg This visit will provide open access to the Erdigg country estate for delegates and will include an introduction to the work of the Youth Work team at Erdigg, employed by the National Trust to work on the estate. <i>A coach will depart at 2pm. The coach will return at 5.00pm from the drop off point.</i>	Jess Achilleos	Departing from and returning to Main Entrance
Thursday 6.00-7.00pm	Pre-Conference Dinner Reception Presentation: Wirral Youth Creative Team	Introduction: Jess Achilleos	A Block Decking Area
Thursday 7.00-9.00pm	'Formal' Conference Dinner: After dinner presentations:	Jane Melvin	1887 Rest'raunt A Block
Thursday 9.00-11.00pm	Conversations Space: Lounge and Bar	-	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre

Friday 29 th June, 2018			
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Friday 8.00-9.00am	Breakfast (Self Service)		Main Refectory A Block
Friday 9.00-9.30am	Conference Session: Collective Identity Introduction: Presentation: <i>"I'm not going to become a suit" - discursive constructions of being a professional youth worker'</i>	Chair: Dave Beck Paula Pope Keele University	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Main Rm 1
Friday 9.30-10.45am	Twinned Seminar Option 1: 1. <i>The problem with youth facilities is that they are youth facilities</i> 2. <i>'NEET' to 'Unknown'? Youth and community workers collective identity in times of austerity</i>	Chair: Jo Lewis Brian Belton YMCA George Williams Coll. Liam Wrigley University of Liverpool	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Main Rm 1
Friday 9.30-10.45am	Twinned Seminar Option 2: 3. <i>Youth work and community development - an (un)easy alliance?</i> 4. <i>How can HEI's develop critical and collaborative Com. & Youth Workers?</i>	Chair: Christine Smith Adam Muirhead University of Brighton Liz Woolley and Dan Connolly University of Sunderland	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Main Rm 2
Friday 10.45-11.15am	Refreshment Break 1 st Floor Corridor outside Conference Rms		Catrin Finch Conf. Centre
Friday 11.15-12.30pm	Conference Session: Growing our Community of Practice Session to address collaborative activities: 1. Policy & Practice Futures 2. Developing a Research Community 3. International Engagement (& Trips) 4. English ETS Validation Guidance	Intro: Paul Fenton Identification of ambitions and actions for 2018-19.	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Main Rm 1
Friday 12.30-1.30pm	Lunch (Self-Service)		Catrin Finch Conf. Centre
Friday 1.30-2.30pm	Conference Plenary & AGM 1. Plenary: 2. AGM & Association Priorities for 2019	1. Jo Lewis & Jess Achilleos 2. Christine Smith	Catrin Finch Conf. Centre Main Rm 1
Friday 2.30pm	Discussion Space <i>The venue is available up to 4.00pm for any informal meetings and discussions</i>		Catrin Finch Conf. Centre
Friday 4.00pm	Venue Closes		

If you have any difficulties or need to talk to a member of the conference team during the conference then please use the communication tools detailed below. The Association's phone number will redirect to a member of the team throughout the conference programme and reception will be intermittently supervised when you can leave messages.

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- 2** Nick Whitehead Lecture Theatre
- 3** A Block
- 4** John Troth Lecture Theatre
- 5** B Block
- 6** C Block
- 7** Centre for the Creative Industries
- 8** E Block
- 9** Edward Llwyd Centre
- 10** Sports Centre
- 11** Terry Hands Studio
- 12** K Block
- 13** M Block
- 14** Human Performance Lab
- 15** Centre for the Child, Family and Society
- 16** Students' Guild
- 17** Catrin Finch Centre
- 18** Student Village (Accommodation)

- A** Plas Coch B5101 Entrance
- B** Mold Rd Entrance