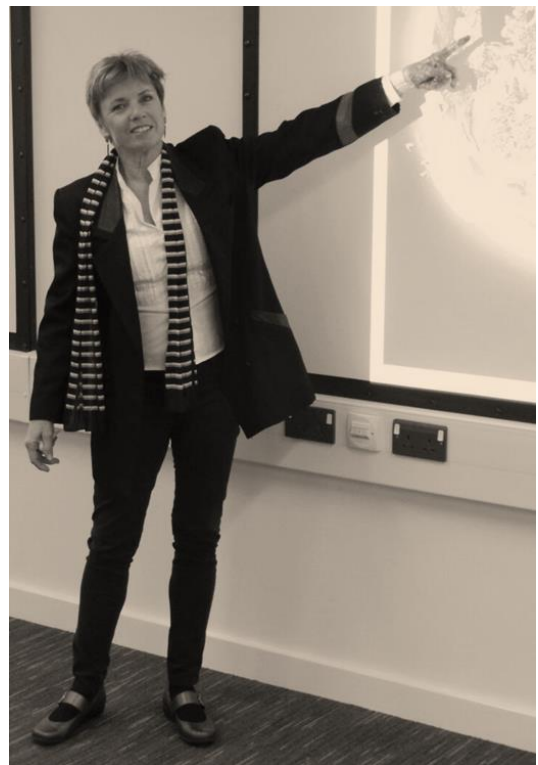


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A lot has happened since the last News Bulletin! The Centre's launch on Tuesday 22nd March went extremely well, with Professor Tim Quine, the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Education, doing the introductions and our visiting speaker Professor Tara Fenwick from the University of Stirling giving a seminar on 'Professional responsibility and professionalism'. The photographs below show some of the 'after seminar' discussions!





- On the 25th April we hosted the second of our BERA Research Commission seminars on, “Cost, Value and Quality in Professional Learning: promoting economic literacy in medical and teacher education”. Once again, our contributors and audience had diverse backgrounds, including teachers, doctors, and researchers. The session ended with discussions of future topics that would benefit from further research. The next steps are webinars and meetings with those who are interested in potentially collaborating beyond the formal, prior to our symposium at the BERA Conference in September.
- We are pleased to announce that at least one of our ESRC studentship applicants has been funded, and will start as a PhD studentship with us in the autumn.
- Claudia Leitner, Mhairi McNeill, Sandy Allan and Karen Mattick have been awarded a Small Grant from the Association for the Study of Medical Education (ASME) to explore the decisions that medical students and junior doctors make in relation to career planning and the timing of parenthood.
- There have been several conference papers accepted since the last newsletter. Rather than list them all here, please have a look at the relevant centre [webpage](#). Notably, one of our core members, Karen Leslie, has been invited to speak at an event run by the Higher Education Academy later in the summer.
- Similarly there have been a number of papers published (see our centre publications [webpage](#)), including an interesting editorial by Rob Freathy on [“Professionalism, professionalisation and professionalism in Religious Education”](#).
- Our international focus is also developing, with a visit to a research centre who focus on Activity, Development and Learning at the University of Helsinki this week (<http://www.helsinki.fi/cradle/>) to discuss possible collaboration; a visit to Exeter from Baku State University later in May; and a visit to Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Taiwan later in the month.
- In July we are planning to host a seminar on behalf of the Higher Education Academy where those PhD students in higher education research who have successfully completed their Mike Baker Doctoral Programmes can present their work. More details will follow in a future newsletter.

- On 14-15 October 2016, there will be a conference on 'Assessment in Medical Education' held here at the University of Exeter. This will provide opportunities to "look at how assessments can and will cross boundaries between universities, nations and the undergraduate to postgraduate transition". For more information and to book a place, please register at: <http://medicine.exeter.ac.uk/assessmentmeded/>

Research Tea



The next [Research Tea](#) in the programme will be on Tuesday 3rd May, room BC212 at 3.30 – 5.00 pm, St Luke's Campus. The theme for this session is *The co-design of modules in Higher Education*. [Dr Sarah Dyer](#) (Geography, University of Exeter) will lead the session with a short informal presentation and then the session will open up for discussion. Everyone is welcome - please bring along a hot drink and we will provide cake!

Do let us know if you have recent presentations, publications or grant applications that we can highlight in future newsletters.

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