

News Bulletin - October 2016

We hope that you had a very good summer and are now settled back into the new academic year.

The Centre has had a busy summer with visitors, seminars, and conferences. In early September, we were visited by Lynn Monrouxe, Professor and Director of the national Chang Gung Medical Education Research Centre in Linkou, Taiwan. Will Katene also introduced us to Matthew Curtner-Smith, Professor of Sport Pedagogy at the University of Alabama, who gave a seminar on the 'Influence of an American initial teacher education program on pre-service and in-service teachers'. Earlier this month, we also had the first of the seminars given by our core members, with Sue Burkill presenting on her PhD research exploring the reluctance of academics to take on education leadership roles. Sue will also present her work in Oxford in the near future. The next [CRPL seminar](#) is by Prof Wendy Robinson on Thursday 10th November at 12.30 and will focus on her research on the history of teacher centres and their current relevance in understanding professional learning.

In terms of news from our core members, we would like to congratulate Dr Karen Walshe, who has been awarded EU 'Erasmus-Plus' funding to undertake a project called 'PROTEACH' in collaboration with partners in Israel, Romania, Estonia and Austria. The project aims to explore the experiences of beginning teachers as they transition to their new teaching roles, in order to create an effective induction model for newly qualified teachers that recognises the fresh perspective and contribution that early career professionals have to offer, and emphasises the important relationship between the graduating university and school employer. The data collection (involving 450 participants in total), and piloting of an induction framework, will occur mostly in Israel. The role of the Exeter academics involved will be to guide and contribute to the research planning and resources, undertake workshops in UK HEIs, and support dissemination. This means that the CRPL currently has ten externally funded research projects – please take a look on the website!

Our BERA Research Commission on Cost, Value and Quality in Professional Learning continues, and Vivienne Baumfield and Karen Mattick contributed to a symposium at the British Educational Research Association Conference in Leeds in September, exploring the similarities and differences

between these issues in teaching, medicine and law. The session was well attended and there was some lively discussion. We have also been selected to represent BERA as the invited symposium at the Australian Association for Research In Education in Melbourne in November. The [website](#) has details of all other conference presentations given since the last newsletter.



And finally do join us for the Research Tea on 1 November, where one of the newest members of the CRPL will present her ideas for her PhD research. Helen Foster-Collins joined the Centre last month on an ESRC scholarship entitled 'Interprofessional learning, working and support' and will be looking at these issues in doctors and teachers.

Don't forget to send us details of your activities and publications for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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