

News Bulletin January 2016

The New Year has started with a flurry of activity around the Centre for Research in Professional Learning! Our newsletters aim to share some of that activity with the wider network and to encourage you to get in touch with other news, suggestions and ideas.

- Recruitment for the BERA Research Commission seminars on, “Cost, Value and Quality in Professional Learning: promoting economic literacy in medical and teacher education” is underway. We hope that as many of our core members and the wider group will attend as possible – this is a great opportunity to meet up, share ideas and welcome a wider group of experts to Exeter. The dates are the 11th February and the 25th April at Reed Hall in Exeter and we have an excellent programme lined up: <https://www.bera.ac.uk/event/using-evidence-to-inform-policy-and-practice-in-teacher-education-and-medical-education> and <https://www.bera.ac.uk/event/understanding-cost-value-and-quality-in-professional-education>. Registration details are on the website but please note there are **free places for PhD students and early career researchers** – please contact us if you think you may fit one of those categories!
- We have submitted abstracts to the Association for the Study of Medical Education (ASME) conference in July and the BERA Conference in September relating to the BERA Research Commission. For the BERA conference, we have teamed up with Elaine Hall, Reader in Legal Education Research at Northumbria University and Steve Higgins, Professor of Education at Durham University, to provide a research symposium.
- A number of funding bids have been submitted too, with Professor Rob Freathy having been particularly active, with two submissions and one imminent!
- Karen Mattick gave a presentation about the Centre at the Higher Education Academic Pedagogic Research Network meeting in York on the 26th January. At that meeting, two current funding opportunities with the HEA were also discussed that may be of interest to members: <https://www.heacademy.ac.uk/research/research-funding-opportunities>.
- A launch date for the Centre has been agreed, hopefully to coincide with a seminar from a visiting speaker Tara Fenwick, Professor of Professional Learning at Stirling University. This will be on Tuesday 22nd March and will consist of a presentation at 5pm, followed by light refreshments. Please do hold this date in your diaries and a formal invitation will follow.
- A commentary entitled ‘Partnerships in Professional Learning’ written by Emese Hall and Karen Mattick, in collaboration with Professor Jen Cleland in Aberdeen, has been accepted for publication in Perspectives in Medical Education. This piece of work arose directly from the Research Tea led by Emese, so is a first output from this programme of activities.

- The ESRC studentship funding deadline is coming up (4th February) and we are pleased to announce that at least two studentship applications aligned to the Centre will be submitted. We will keep you informed as to their success and hope to welcome some new students to the Centre soon.

Research Tea



The next Research Tea in the programme will be on Tuesday 2nd February at 3.30 – 5.00 pm in BC126, St Luke's Campus. The theme will be 'Preparing students for the transition into work' and Dawn Lees (Curriculum and Work-related Learning Manager, University of Exeter) will be starting the discussion. 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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