







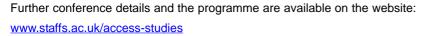
## **International Student Retention Conference**

## Enhancing student retention: Using international research to improve policy and practice

Amsterdam, 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> November 2003

This is the *first* conference to share international understandings and approaches to ensuring students from under-represented groups succeed in tertiary education. The conference presents findings from comparative research from Australia, Canada, Croatia, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, UK and US.

At the conference these findings will be disseminated for the first time. The programme includes presentations by international experts, research papers from Europe, the Antipodes and North America, workshops and panel discussions, to learn about specific retention issues for different student groups in particular countries and globally. In addition, delegates will receive a complementary copy of the comparative research report. This is an essential conference for researchers, policy makers and practitioners who are concerned with retention, progression and completion of students from equity groups.







See overleaf for call for papers, conference booking form and accommodation information





The sparkling city of Amsterdam is built around a spider's web of criss-crossing canals and is sure to delight you. Wherever you go, you always seem to be walking (or wheeling) beside or over water. You can visit the famous Rijks museum, the Van Gogh museum and the Stedelijk museum, pop into one of the many Amsterdam cafes, or go Christmas shopping under the watchful eye of St Nicholas.

The conference is organised by the European Access Network (www.wmin.ac.uk/ean), in partnership with the Institute for Access Studies at Staffordshire University, UK www.staffs.ac.uk/accessstudies and ECHO, Center for Diversity Policy, Netherlands www.echo-net.nl

The conference is hosted by the University of Amsterdam.
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## Call for Papers

There will be opportunities for a limited number of refereed papers to be presented during the conference. Each paper should focus on retention issues pertaining to one of the following target groups:

- first generation entrants;
- students from low income and lower socio-economic groups;
- minority groups and refugees;
- students with disabilities;

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mature 'second-chance' students.

Papers should draw on research and evidence to discuss either alternative ways of conceptualising the issues, and/or policies and practices to improve the success of these students within post-compulsory learning. Papers should focus on one of three levels of intervention: the education system (macro), the institution (meso) or the individual/group (micro); or compare initiatives at different levels.

Abstracts of up to 250 words should be submitted electronically to the European Access Network: <a href="mailto:m.foong@westminster.ac.uk">m.foong@westminster.ac.uk</a>. Abstracts will be considered on a first come first served basis, and decisions will be made by the review panel within four weeks of receipt. Presentations are expected to be for approximately 20 minutes, followed by questions and discussion. There will be an opportunity for papers to be published in the international peer-reviewed journal *Widening Participation and Lifelong Learning*.

## **Conference Registration and Booking Form**

Cost of Conference: £325 for EAN members, £395 for non-EAN members (membership details available on www.wmin.ac.uk/ean)

(The conference cost includes attendance at the three-day event, lunch, tea/coffee and a cop	by of the research findings. It does not include accommodation)
Would you like accommodation information? Yes No, I will find my o	wn (Please tick appropriate box )
The following social programme has been arranged to allow you to meet colleagues informally and to extend your international networks. Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November: Canal boat tour of Amsterdam and Indonesian meal, Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November: Conference Dinner, Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November: Heineken Brewery tour. Details of the social programme are available on the website <a href="www.staffs.ac.uk/access-studies">www.staffs.ac.uk/access-studies</a> and will be sent on receipt of your booking form.	
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Please complete the form below and send to: The EAN Secretariat, International Education Office, University of Westminster, 16 Little Titchfield Street, London, W1W 7UW. (Tel + 44 (0) 20 7911 5868 Fax + 44 (0) 20 7911 5132)	
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