



WDHE

London 2010

Writing Development in Higher Education conference

The Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, London, UK

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

All abstracts should be submitted by **Monday, 15th February 2010**

Hosted by the **Write Now Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning**

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Write Now aims to enrich students' learning experiences by enabling them to develop academic and disciplinary identities as empowered, confident writers. We work in collaboration with students and staff to develop and evaluate a range of initiatives:

- Writing Centres
- Peer mentoring in academic writing
- Curriculum and assessment design
- Staff development programmes
- Technology-supported writing development
- Pedagogical research

Sustainable writing development: approaches and challenges

Monday 28 – Wednesday 30 June 2010

The Writing Development in Higher Education biennial conference brings together practitioners and researchers from the vibrant field of writing development theory and practice.

The 2010 WDHE conference will be held in central London, in a unique location adjacent to beautiful Regent's Park. The conference offers an important opportunity to explore the challenges of bringing about sustainable writing development in higher education.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Professor Andrea Lunsford, Professor of English and Director of the Program in Writing and Rhetoric, Stanford University, California, USA

Abstracts are invited for papers – symposia – workshops

The broad themes to be addressed at this year's conference include:

- pedagogical practices that aim to enhance students' learning experiences
- academic writing as a research area
- the place of writing development within institutions.

The WDHE 2010 conference committee is now inviting abstracts for papers, symposia and workshops from all those who engage with writing development as part of their work in higher education:

- subject-based academics
- academic literacies theorists
- learning developers
- writing specialists
- EAP and ESL practitioners
- learning technologists
- professional development staff
- widening participation specialists
- policy makers
- students
- all others who work in this field.



We welcome contributions from the international community about their experiences in bringing about sustainable writing development in their particular contexts.

For further information visit www.writenow.ac.uk/wdhe
[Click here](#) to submit your abstract

REGISTERING FOR THE CONFERENCE

Presenters selected to give papers, symposia and workshops will be required to register as paying delegates for the conference.

Please submit your abstract by Monday, 15th February 2010

LOCATION

The Royal College of Physicians is the oldest and most prestigious English medical foundation, incorporated by Royal Charter in 1518. The College is situated in an elegant, award-winning, modern building, in a stunning setting overlooking Regent's Park in the heart of London.

In recent years, the College has created exceptional conference and meeting facilities. The display of treasures and artefacts and the lovely open gardens make the College a genuinely unique venue.

For directions to the College, please visit their website:

www.rcpevents.co.uk/MapsAndDirections/Pages/Maps.aspx

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the conference and registration, please visit our website:

www.writenow.ac.uk/wdhe

If you have any questions about submitting an abstract, please contact Nicola Harris at the WDHE Conference office:
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PAPERS

Abstracts for papers should be relevant to the conference themes. Papers will be allocated 20 minutes followed by about 10 minutes for discussion.

SYMPOSIA

A symposium should consist of three or four papers with a shared focus. Each symposium will be allocated 90 minutes, to include discussion and debate. Authors wishing to submit papers as a symposium must complete a SINGLE abstract form, giving a brief outline of each of the presentations and how they link together. One person should be nominated as the main correspondent for the abstract submission. The abstract must include an outline of the proposed symposium and itemise the individual papers and their authors.

WORKSHOPS

Abstracts should provide a clear statement of what participants can expect to gain by attending the workshop. Workshops will be allocated 90 minutes and should actively involve the audience through discussion and experiential activities.

STUDENT BURSARIES

The WDHE 2010 conference committee encourages abstracts from postgraduate students. The conference aims to provide an opportunity for students to share their ideas in a supportive and inclusive environment, and a limited number of bursaries are available. For full details and acceptance criteria, please see the website: www.writenow.ac.uk/wdhe

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BURSARIES

The WDHE 2010 conference committee encourages the participation of those who have had abstracts accepted for the conference but who are unable to attend because of financial hardship. For further details on how to apply, please see the website: www.writenow.ac.uk/wdhe

SELECTION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts will be selected through double-blind peer review. Your abstract should demonstrate:

- relevance to the conference theme
- an understanding of current debates and research.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

- All abstracts should be submitted online. You can either [Click here](#) to submit your abstract or via our website: www.writenow.ac.uk/wdhe
- Abstracts for papers must be no more than 400 words.
- Abstracts for symposia must be no more than 450 words.
- Abstracts for workshops must be no more than 400 words.
- Please indicate whether you are submitting a paper, symposium or workshop.
- Please indicate with your submission if you would like it to be considered for a bursary.
- Abstracts must be written in English.
- Please include the names, job titles and institutions of all authors, with full address and contact details of the main correspondent.
- Include full references, as appropriate.
- Abstracts must be submitted by **Monday, 15th February 2010**.
- You will be notified that we have received your abstract by return; please contact the Conference Office if you do not hear from us.
- All authors will be told if their abstract has been accepted in mid March 2010.

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