First Call for Papers

'Troubling Narratives: Identity Matters'
The Institute for Research in Citizenship and Applied Human Sciences, University of Huddersfield, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th of June 2014.

Confirmed keynote speakers for the conference are:

Ann Phoenix, University of London
Ken Plummer, University of Essex

This conference builds on the University of Huddersfield's long held tradition of hosting a bi-annual conference on narrative research. It seeks to provide a fresh context for the development and dissemination of new research, ideas, perspectives and methodologies in the field of narrative research and enquiry and aims to bring together scholars working in a range of disciplinary fields. 'Narrative' is well known for its looseness of definition, its multiplicity of approaches and its interdisciplinarity, which over the years has led to a richness and diversity of narrative work. Identities, both private and public and individual and collective, have long been a focus for narrative researchers, where the content, form and effects of identity story-telling have been explored in a range of areas and contexts. The focus of 'Troubling Narratives: Identity Matters' is to address the 'troubles' that now surround contemporary narratives of identity, and the ways in which previous work may simultaneously inform but also trouble and be 'troubled' by new narrative work in the broad area of 'identities'.

We invite contributions from researchers interested in using narratives across a range of disciplines including, sociology, gender studies, psychology, law, politics, criminology, philosophy, history, anthropology, social work, education, and business and management. Topics of interest to this conference include (though are not restricted to) the following areas:

Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words. We invite papers in the form of 20 minute oral presentations, and also workshop sessions and poster presentations (the format should be clearly stated in the abstract). All submissions must include the author/speaker(s) name, title of paper, university or organizational affiliation, and contact information. The deadline for submission of abstract is Monday 3rd February 2014. Please email your abstract to the conference organisers at: troublingnarratives@hud.ac.uk with 'conference abstract' in the subject line. You will be notified about whether your paper has been accepted soon after Monday 10th March 2014.

The conference registration deadline is 5th June 2014. Conference costs are: Full rate: £150 to include conference dinner, or £110 excluding dinner. Student rate: £50 to include conference dinner, or £30 excluding dinner.