



Call for Proposals for the WDHE 2014 Conference

Wednesday 9th July to Friday 11th July 2014

'Future Directions in Academic Writing' is the topic of the 2014 Writing Development in Higher Education Conference, which will be hosted by the Centre for Academic Writing (CAW) at Coventry University, England.

15th biennial Writing Development in Higher Education (WDHE) Conference and 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of the WDHE Network

The WDHE Network's listserv and biennial conference have been integral to charting the development of Academic Writing pedagogy and theory in UK universities over the past twenty years.

Since the Network's founding in 1994 in response to national concerns about the standards of students' writing, the field of Academic Writing has emerged both in terms of the growth of university-level writing development provision and an upsurge of Academic Writing research.

WDHE 2014 will provide an important opportunity for delegates to reflect on how and why the field of Academic Writing has grown and to consider what '**Future Directions in Academic Writing**' pedagogy and scholarship will take in order to sustain and develop further the teaching and researching of writing in higher education.

Longstanding WDHE Network colleagues as well as those who are new to Academic Writing teaching and research are welcome to attend, as the conference is open to anyone who has an interest in Academic Writing development.

Keynote speakers:

- **Richard Andrews** (Professor in English and Dean of the Faculty of Children and Learning, Institute of Education, University of London)

'Writing in Higher Education: what is happening, and what are the possibilities?'

- **Professor Diane Pecorari** (Professor of English Linguistics and Head of the Department of Languages, Linnaeus University, Sweden)

'If there's nothing new under the sun, how can plagiarism research make an original contribution to the future teaching of academic writing?'



Conference Themes:

- Reflecting on past, present, and future directions for Academic Writing pedagogy and research
- New forms of academic writing
- Affective domains of student writing
- Writing and technology (e.g. teaching and tutoring online, digitization)
- Multilingualism and Academic Writing
- Working with students or with staff on writing development
- Multimodality and Academic Writing
- Innovations in Academic Writing teaching and tutoring
- Influencing institutional policies on Academic Writing development
- Plagiarism and proofreading policies and research
- Careers in Academic Writing development and research

Submit a Proposal for a Presentation or Workshop:

- **Presentations:** The standard length for presentations is 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes for discussion.
- **Workshops:** Participant-centred workshops should offer practical/experiential activities and discussion. The standard length for workshops is 80 minutes. Workshops are not 'long presentations', but should actively involve delegates in writing activities, discussions, and exchange of experiences.

Proposals should not exceed 200 words. Please submit your proposal electronically through the abstract management system on the conference website (<http://www.coventry.ac.uk/events/WDHE2014/>).

The deadline for submitting your proposal is Monday 10th March 2014.

To contact the conference team, email info.wdhe2014@coventry.ac.uk or telephone Penny Gilchrist at +44 (0)24 7688 7905, postal address: WDHE 2014 c/o the Centre for Academic Writing, Coventry University, Priory Street, Coventry, England, CV1 5FB, UK.