

AAEE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM, 2014

“It’s about dialogue and it’s about time”

CO-CONVENORS OF DIALOGUE – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Thank you for considering submission of an **expression of interest** to co-convene a dialogue at the inaugural AAEE Research Symposium, Hobart, Tasmania, Saturday 1st November, 2014.

Dialogues at the research symposium

This inaugural symposium is designed to foster dialogue about research, research development, and research challenges. In line with the purposes and values of the event, dialogues will be marked by deliberate, exploratory, creative and critical conversations, where co-convenors and participants are both enabled and expected to discuss multiple perspectives on a theme.

To remain true to the values underpinning this event, only dialogues which are co-convened by at least two people will be considered for the schedule. Please also note that you may be invited to repeat or extend a dialogue, depending on the profile of other submissions, and event planning principles for such research symposia.

What counts as dialogue at the research symposium

For this event, we expect effective dialogues to be those that demonstrate relevance, creativity and criticality, and design principles of participation, collegiality and challenge.

A dialogue is not an opportunity for a researcher or academic to ‘present’ about a specific research project or read from a paper. We encourage symposium attendees to submit an abstract to the full AAEE conference for these purposes. All dialogues are ‘powerpoint free’.

What might a dialogue look like?

The success of this symposium relies on active engagement and participation from all attendees.

Rather than traditional presentations, each dialogue must be planned in ways that encourage conversation and interaction with ideas and other participants.

Example formats that support these goals include (but are not limited to) the following: fishbowl conversations, appreciative inquiry, futures scenarios, knowledge cafe, jigsawing, and inquiry workshops. For more information on these and other formats, please consult:

<http://slitoolkit.ohchr.org/data/downloads/OHCHR-KM.pdf>

What are the symposium themes?

Mindful of the title for the event, dialogues are invited to address one of three themes:

- 1. Key research questions in EE / SE research**
What were they? What are they?
How might they relate, evolve, shift? - Why?
- 2. Research utilisation and the impact of EE / SE research**
Which dimensions of research utilisation and impact are priority considerations for developing: policy and political traction, ideas and theorising, and/or practice and praxis?
- 3. Interdisciplinary and multidimensional aspects of researching EE / SE**
What are the key lessons to learn in better developing, supporting and/or evaluating interdisciplinary and multidimensional forms of EE / SE research?

How do I submit an Expression of Interest?

Please **CLICK HERE** to submit your EOI electronically. It opens on 7 April 2014 and closes on Friday 6 June 2014.

Preparing an Expression of Interest

Please consider the principles and purposes of the event before preparing a submission.

Prospective participants can be involved in co-convening more than one dialogue. However, only one submission will be accepted by the same first co-convenor or group of convenors. Please note that the organising committee or its delegates reserve the right to exclude any submission that violates the organising values of the event, or the principles of AAEE.



An Expression of Interest must contain the following information:

Title: [No more than 70 characters]

Co-Convenors Names: and for each: Affiliation, Email address, Short Bio [75 words max each, include hyperlink to an institutional bio page where possible]:

Symposium theme: [which of the three themes this dialogue most directly relates to]

Dialogue Intention: [150 words - a short explanation of what your intended dialogue is about, how this will be achieved, anticipated outcomes, and how it links to your chosen theme; please ensure this, and all material in the EOI, is readily understandable to an expert and lay audience.]

Dialogue Format: [150 words – identify the key elements in your session plan, e.g. what do you plan to do, and have participants do? How will you ensure this format is engaging, participatory and inclusive? Where will it happen? Are there any special requirements?]

Number of participants: [State how many you would like, and/or what range is workable (min-max)? Please ensure the format supports the ideal number of participants.]

Pre-reading material or preparatory task: [Attendees can be asked to come prepared by having engaged with material or a task provided by the co-convenors. Please specify what this is, how it will be made available, and if there are any ethical or privacy issues likely associated with this.]

EOIs will be reviewed by select members of the event's organising committee, in relation to the likely contribution of the proposed dialogue to the event's purposes and values, and dialogue themes and qualities.



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For further information or questions about an EOI or the research symposium, please contact the organising committee facilitators for this event (Allen Hill, Janet Dymment or Alan Reid).

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