TOPICS

Presentations and posters at the conference will encompass the following themes:

- the learning and support needs of non-traditional learners in higher education;
- the support needs of academic staff in relation to learning, teaching and assessment in the context of an increasingly diverse student body;
- the development of diverse and discipline-specific methods to support the retention and successful participation of non-traditional learners;
- models of student learning support for both traditional and non-traditional learners; and
- approaches to teaching that foster greater active learner engagement (for both traditional and non-traditional learners).

Non-traditional learners include socio-economically disadvantaged students, mature students, students with a disability, part-time students, students who are members of the Traveller community or minority ethnic groups, and international students.

SPEAKERS

Speakers include:

- Professor Dai Hounsell, Professor of Higher Education, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Professor Alan Hurst, Professor of Education Studies, University of Central Lancashire, England.
- Dr. Kerri-Lee Krause, Senior Lecturer in Higher Education, Centre for the Study of Higher Education, University of Melbourne, Australia.
- Dr. Janette Ryan, Senior Lecturer (Curriculum and Pedagogy), Faculty of Education, Monash University, Australia.
- Dr. Liz Thomas, Senior Adviser for Widening Participation, Higher Education Academy, UK.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

We would strongly encourage anyone with an interest in these or related areas to consider offering either a short presentation (15-20 minutes) or a poster. Abstracts should be submitted online before the closing date of Friday, February 3rd 2006 at the conference website http://www.conference.ie

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