

Planning your conference-important information for delegates

The 2014 SRHE Annual Research Conference runs over 3 full days, 10-12 December at the Celtic Manor Resort.

There is a very busy programme with 12 parallel presentation sessions on each day. The following information will help you plan your conference effectively and take full advantage of all the events and opportunities on offer to delegates.

The Conference runs through to 2.30 pm on Friday 12th December and we respectfully ask all delegates to make travel arrangements accordingly and not to leave the conference early.

The conference starts promptly at 10.45 am on Wednesday 10th December 2014 with the opening keynote speaker.

Conference Locations at the Celtic Manor Resort

All conference events will be held at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport Wales. The resort has a purpose built Convention Centre.

Convention Level C1 is the location for all SRHE conference plenary sessions.

The main **plenary room** is the **Caernarfon Suite**. On the same level, **Level C1**, is the **Caernarfon Foyer** and this is where all **teas & coffees** and all **lunches** will be served in the breaks. The **Caernarfon Foyer** is also the location for the **Exhibitor Stands, Poster Sessions** and the **SRHE Conference Information Desk**.

Convention Level C2 is the location for all the **breakout rooms** for paper presentations, symposia and seminars in the parallel sessions. **Breakout rooms on Level C2 are: Beaumaris Lounge, Beaumaris 1, Beaumaris 2, Caldicot, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Chepstow, Conwy 1, Conwy 2, Denbigh 1, Denbigh 2, Raglan.**

SRHE Conference Registration is in the main Hotel Entrance Foyer. Delegates arriving on the opening day of conference should first register with SRHE and then leave their luggage at the hotel concierge and proceed to the Conference venue.

Resort bedrooms are not available for occupation until 4.00 pm on the day of arrival.

After registration on Day 1 (Wednesday 10th December), this Registration Desk will close at 4.00pm and any late arrivals, or Day delegates arriving after this time, should register at the **SRHE Conference Information Desk** located outside the **Caernarfon Suite** on **Convention Level C1**.

Hotel Check-in. From 4.00 pm on the day of arrival SRHE delegates can collect their luggage and their room keys from the hotel reception area where there will be an express check-in desk for SRHE Conference delegates.

Conference materials On registration you will receive a **Conference Programme and Book of Abstracts**. This contains all programme information including paper presentations and details of all authors and their abstracts for the full 3 days of conference. In the delegate packs you will also have a detailed **Conference Timetable** showing the room locations for every conference event and presentation session. This is kept separate from the programme to take account of any last minute changes. Keep this timetable with you throughout the conference as this will help you to locate sessions and find your way around. Also included in delegate packs is a **Floor Plan of breakout rooms**. The items in bold are the materials you should keep with you each day.

Paper presentations (symposia, individual papers, discussion workshops) There are a total of 12 parallel sessions running at any one time for the presentation of papers and the room locations and the different types of presentations are clearly indicated on the Conference Timetable sheets.

Conference meals The conference delegate package includes breakfast & lunch on all 3 days and dinner on Wednesday 10th December. The **Conference Gala dinner on Thursday 11th December** is an additional event and tickets are £42 a head for an excellent three course meal with wine. For delegates who have not pre-booked, Gala Dinner tickets can be purchased from the Conference Information Desk during the conference. Delegates not attending the Conference Gala dinner are entitled to a 3 course meal (not including drinks) in the Olive Tree Restaurant in the Lobby level of the Resort as part of the conference package.

Wednesday 10 December 2014. Dinner for Residential Delegates 19.00-21.30.

OPTION 1 Free choice of Resort restaurants The resort has a number of different restaurants and on the Wednesday evening delegates may opt to take dinner with colleagues at one of 3 excellent restaurants; The Patio in the Old Manor at the hotel itself and the Rafters and the Lodge situated in the resort grounds, with transport provided in complementary hotel shuttle coaches which run continuously. Delegates wishing to get a preferred time or location for dinner are encouraged to pre book at:

www.celtic-manor.com/Restaurants_and_Bars.aspx. Otherwise reservations should be made on arrival at the Dinner Reservations desk situated in the main hotel lobby. Each restaurant will offer a SRHE Conference menu for delegates to choose from. Delegates will be responsible for any drinks ordered.

OPTION 2 SRHE Conference supper. International delegates, first time attendees at conference and any delegates making individual dinner reservations or wanting this collegiate option are warmly invited to join a seated buffet supper hosted by the SRHE in the Olive Tree restaurant from 19.00 hrs. Please state SRHE Olive Tree when making your reservation.

If Non-residential delegates wish to have a meal at the Resort on this night, please book this with the Conference Information Desk in advance. The cost is £30 for a three course meal.

Plenary sessions & Social events

Wednesday 10 Dec 10.45-11.00	Conference Welcome and Introduction Helen Perkins Director SRHE	Caernarfon Suite Level C1
Wednesday 10 Dec 11.00-12.00	Keynote address: Professor Sue Clegg <i>System diversity, inequality, curriculum and (possibly) hope</i>	Caernarfon Suite Level C1
Wednesday 10 Dec 13.15-14.15 13.45-14.15	Lunch Poster session 1	Caernarfon Foyer Level C1
Wednesday 10 Dec 16.15-16.45	“Meet the editor” of the SRHE Book Series	Routledge Exhibition Stand Caernarfon Foyer Level C1
Wednesday 10 Dec 17.00-17.30	SRHE President’s Address: Professor Sir Bob Burgess <i>Leadership in Higher Education: Changing Priorities.</i>	Caernarfon Suite Level C1
Wednesday 10 Dec 17.30 – 18.15	SRHE Consultative Meeting on Sustaining and Supporting Higher Education Research (incorporating the Annual General Meeting)	Caernarfon Suite Level C1
Wednesday 10 Dec 18.15 – 19.00	Welcome drinks reception for all delegates	Merlin’s Bar Resort Entrance Level
Wednesday 10 Dec 19.00-21.30	Dinner in the resort restaurants	Olive tree Patio Rafters Lodge
Thursday 11 Dec 10.15-10.45	Book Launch: SRHE Book Series: Writing in Social Spaces R Murray	Level C1 Routledge Exhibition Stand
Thursday 11 Dec 10.45-11.45	Keynote Address: Professor Jürgen Enders <i>In praise of diversity: a socio-political perspective on field dynamics in higher education</i>	Caernarfon Suite Level C1
Thursday 11 Dec 13.15-14.15 13.45-14.15	Lunch Poster session 2	Caernarfon Foyer Level C1
Thursday 11 Dec 15.30-16.00	Meet the Editor: Studies in Higher Education	Caernarfon Foyer Level C1 Taylor & Francis Exhibition Stand
Thursday 11 Dec 19.00-20.00	Drinks Reception sponsored by Routledge Taylor and Francis Group A chance to meet with SRHE network members (Open to all delegates)	Caernarfon Foyer
Thursday 11 Dec 20.00 – 22.30	Conference Gala Dinner	Caernarfon Suite
22.30-00.30	Disco (Open to all delegates)	Caernarfon Suite

<p>Friday 12 Dec 12.15-13.30</p>	<p>Research Directions - A choice of nine parallel discussion seminars presenting international contributions and participation in topical research-focussed seminars. See full conference programme for abstracts and speakers for each seminar</p>	
<p>RD1</p>	<p><i>Displacement in academia: making sense of not fitting</i> (Research Theme: Academic Practice)</p>	<p>Caernarfon Suite</p>
<p>RD2</p>	<p><i>Rethinking the 'non-traditional' student: considerations of construction, classification and identity</i> (Research Theme: Access and Widening participation)</p>	<p>Denbigh</p>
<p>RD3</p>	<p><i>Critical perspectives on the digital and 'the flipped classroom'</i> (Research Theme: Digital University)</p>	<p>Beaumaris</p>
<p>RD4</p>	<p><i>Enterprise, Innovation, Research, and the Economy</i> (Research Theme: Employment ,enterprise and work based learning)</p>	<p>Conwy</p>
<p>RD5</p>	<p><i>Policy, Research and the Persistence of Inequalities in the Academic Workforce</i> (Research Theme: Higher Education Policy)</p>	<p>Chepstow</p>
<p>RD6</p>	<p><i>Doctoral Assessment: International, inter-institutional, inter-disciplinary and inter-genres compatibility, equivalence and quality assurance</i> (Research Theme: Postgraduate Issues)</p>	<p>Caerphilly</p>
<p>RD7</p>	<p><i>Increasing equity and better life chances? Perspectives on opening up higher education to under-served groups through vocational routes into, and through, HE.</i> (Research Theme: Post compulsory education)</p>	<p>Cardiff</p>
<p>RD8</p>	<p><i>New universities? Reconstituting Higher Education as part of a Social Economy</i> (Research Theme: Social Policy)</p>	<p>Beaumaris Lounge</p>
<p>RD9</p>	<p><i>International topics in researching the quality of the student experience</i> (Research Theme: Student experience)</p>	<p>Caldicot</p>
<p>Friday 12 Dec 13.30-14.30</p>	<p>LUNCH and Depart</p>	<p>Caernarfon Foyer</p>



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