

Events for Professionals

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Developing public service leaders as change agents

Venue: Woburn House Conference Centre, 20 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HQ
Friday 6 March 11.00-16.00

This conference will disseminate results from ESRC-funded research on service organisation leaders' perceived role in leading reform and independent change, and the contribution of external leadership development to this role. Participants will explore problems and potential of leadership development as a means of facilitating reform and other change agendas.

Further information:

Website: www.aimresearch.org

Organised by: Research team; 'Developing Organisation Leaders as Change Agents in the Public Services'

Higher education, knowledge exchange and the economy

Venue: Our Dynamic Earth, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8AS
Tuesday 10 March 13.00-16.30

The economic impact of higher education is currently an important matter for the Parliament and for the Scottish Government. This is a seminar intended to encourage knowledge exchange and discussion with key Scottish Parliament, government and public agency researchers and policymakers regarding the economic and social role of higher education.

Further information:

Website: <http://ewds.strath.ac.uk/impact>

Organised by: University of Strathclyde and the Impact of Higher education institutions on Regional Economies Research initiative

How to create a proactive workforce who makes things happen

Venue: Hilton Hotel , Victoria Quays, Sheffield, S4 7YA
Friday 13 March 7.30-10.00

ConsultIWP are holding a business session for senior managers, executives, and professionals within medium to large sized organisations for whom flexible, innovative, self-directed employees are important for business success. If you want to learn how employees who use their initiative and are self-starting improve your business effectiveness, and if you get frustrated with some of your staff who prefer to let things happen rather than make things happen, this session is for you.

Further information:

Website: www.consultiwip.com

Organised by: Institute of Work Psychology, University of Sheffield

Improving regional performance: what is the role of benchmarking?

Venue: Aston Business School, The Aston Triangle, Birmingham, B4 7ET
Friday 13 March 10.00-16.00

Enhancing the competitiveness and the productivity of regions lies at the heart of economic development strategies within both the UK and the EU. However, devising policies to achieve this goal can be rather challenging; indeed evidence based policies require policy-makers to identify the strengths of the region and its business base along with its capacity for R&D and innovation and retaining skilled workers. Obviously this type of analysis requires to constantly compare a region's performance against the best performers. Econometric analysis can provide a set of useful tools to this purpose. Benchmarking using frontier analysis is one of these: it allows comparing the performance of a region against the best performing ones while at the time identifying the factors that can help to improve the performance of the regions lagging behind. Benchmarking the performance of regions is very common in other European countries and therefore useful lessons can be learnt from their experience. The aims of this workshop are the following:

- a. to illustrate the main techniques used to benchmark the performance of regions; and
- b. to present the benchmarking experiences of countries like Italy, Spain and Germany.

Further information:

Website: www.aimresearch.org

Organised by: AIM Research and University

Know the rules or pay the price

Venue: The Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich, NR1 2RT

Ignoring competition law can be costly for businesses and individuals. To protect themselves firms should be aware of what the law says, and ensure they provide and receive adequate advice and training. This event provides information on current UK and EU competition law and policy, for businesses and law practitioners.

Further information:

Organised by: Centre for Competition Policy

Land for the future

Venue: Reed Hall, University of Exeter, Streatham Drive, Exeter, EX4 4QR
Monday 9 March 10.00-16.30

The seminar will focus on strategic land use in the South West in the context of climate change, food security and energy supplies. Participants will include regional policy and land use specialists and academics involved in land use research, particularly under the RELU programme.

Further Information:

Website: <http://centres.exeter.ac.uk/crpr/>

Organised by: Centre for Rural Policy Research, University of Exeter

Learning in the 21st century: early childhood education: from past to present

Venue: University of Sheffield, School of Education, 388 Glossop Road, Sheffield, S10 2JA
Thursday 12 March 17.00-18.30

This series of conferences and tea time talks will provide opportunities to consider the new challenges and opportunities exist for learners in the 21st century. Staff from the School of Education will share their research and discuss implications with those who are in a position to change teaching and learning.

Further information:

Website: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/education/research/escrsocialsci08>

Organised by: University of Sheffield, School of Education

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Organised by: University of Sheffield, School of Education

Learning in the 21st century: social sciences forum: a future children's workforce

Venue: University of Sheffield, School of Education, Abbeydale Room, University House, Western Bank, S10 2TG

Friday 13 March 10.00-12.30

It is precisely where social science disciplines meet in practice that personal and community services, enhancing quality of life concerns and primed by government policy, work collaboratively towards meeting the needs of children and young people in our communities. Historically, much has been done to consider how 'joined-up' services might operate. Despite these efforts calls continue for public service reform. This innovative Forum invites contributions from across Schools in the Faculty of Social Sciences and professionals working in a range of roles in local authorities to discuss how professionals in the UK children's workforce can continue to develop multidisciplinary ways of working in order to achieve the 'five outcomes' of the Every Child Matters policy agenda

Further information:

Website: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/education/research/escrsocialsci08>

Organised by: University of Sheffield, School of Education

Learning in the 21st century: therapeutics in education: research and professional practice

Venue: Fulwood Room, University House, University of Sheffield, Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TG
Friday 6 March 9.30-14.45

There have been many initiatives in education relating to children's psychological and emotional well-being during the last few years, for example, circle time, social and emotional aspects of learning (SEAL) and nurture groups. This full day seminar for all those working with and for children and young people is intended to stimulate debates around contemporary discourses of young people's emotional lives and how they are affecting matters concerning their care and education.

Further information:

Website: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/education/research/escrsocialsci08>

Organised by: University of Sheffield, School of Education

Learning in the 21st century: young children's literacy practices in virtual worlds

Venue: University of Sheffield, School of Education, 388 Glossop Road, Sheffield, S10 2JA
Wednesday 11 March 17.00-18.30

In this talk, we will outline findings from a study in which young children's engagement with virtual worlds was examined. Commercially-produced virtual worlds have become increasingly popular with children aged from 4-11, but there has, as yet, been little consideration of the ways in which children are using the worlds and the educational implications of this. In the study outlined in this talk, a survey of 175 children aged 5-11 was undertaken in which their use of virtual worlds was explored. This was followed by a series of interviews with groups of children and observations of three children using the worlds in their homes. Findings indicate that use of virtual worlds is extensive by this age group and that there are numerous opportunities for literacy practices to be undertaken. In addition, issues of identity, gender and commercialism are paramount. The implications of these findings for early years and primary educators are considered.

Further information:

Website: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/education/research/escrsocialsci08>

Organised by: University of Sheffield, School of Education

Management research: what's it done for you?

Venue: Leeds Chamber of Commerce, White Rose House, York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EZ
Tuesday 10 March 10.00-16.00

Most of us are unaware of the impact management research has on our everyday working lives. This event aims to describe these significant impacts to the local business community through both video and presentation and also make the discussion relevant by discussing the problems which face business owners in their everyday lives.

Further Information:

Organised by: The University of Leeds, Leeds University Business School, Strategic Entrepreneurship and Leadership for Innovation Group (SELIG)

Rural England in the 21st century

Venue: Northallerton room 'Grand', North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Yorkshire, DL7 8AD,
Wednesday 11 March 14.00-17.00

North Yorkshire has been identified as county experiencing significant rural inequalities in social and environmental conditions. This seminar will present the preliminary results of this analysis and provide a forum for discussion on the nature of inequality and inequity in rural England in the 21st century.

Further information:

Website: www.sci.se/relu

Organised by: University of York

Rural land use in the North of England: future challenges

Venue: Park Inn, North Street, York, YO1 6JF
Thursday 12 March 10.00-16.30

A one-day seminar organised by Relu and the Northern Rural Network that will focus on strategic land use at regional level. The seminar will disseminate and synthesise the results and ideas from the Relu programme, test emerging concepts and relate the research to regional decision makers.

Further Information:

Website: www.relu.ac.uk

Organised by: RCUK Research Programme

Scottish environment social evidence network inaugural conference

Venue: The Hub, Castlehill, Edinburgh, EH1 2NE
Monday 9 March 9.30-12.00, followed by networking lunch

The results of the Scottish Environmental Attitudes and Behaviours Survey 2008 (SEABS'08) are eagerly awaited by a broad spectrum of interest in Scotland and beyond - how do Scots fare and compare in their environmental attitudes and behaviours - in our homes and daily live, in how we 'connect' with our localities and in the choices we make? This event coincides with publication of SEABS'08, and all knowledge producers and users and invited to gather and consider the implications of SEABS'08. Where to next?

Further information:

Organised by: Scottish Government

Social and emotional thinking: how we learn to mind read and understand others

Venue: Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre, City University London, Northampton Square, London, EC1V 0HB
Friday 6 March 17.00-21.00

The ability to judge and predict another person's moods and thoughts is essential to effective everyday communication. We need to know when someone is offended, bored, or attracted to us. These are all part of social-cognition or 'mindreading'. This seminar informs on different groups who may experience social difficulties such as young people and individuals with communication impairments.

Further information:

Website: <http://www.city.ac.uk/lcs/Copy%20Of%20events2008.html>

Organised by: Language and Communication Science, City University

Social enterprise: social science

Venue: Coin Street Community Builders, Coin Street neighbourhood centre, 108 Stamford Street, London, SE1 9NH
Thursday 12 March 13.00-17.00

Research into social enterprise is growing; as researchers learn from them, social enterprises can benefit from research to help achieve their social, environmental and business objectives. "Social Enterprise: Social Science" will bring both together to see what they can learn from and teach each other and establish connections for ongoing exchanges.

Further information:

Website: www.socialenterprise.org.uk

Organised by: The Social Enterprise Coalition