

BRITISH EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION
Seventeenth Annual Conference
Nottingham, 28th-31st August 1991

CREATING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH

This year the Conference is being held on the outskirts of the City of Nottingham at the Clifton Campus of Nottingham Polytechnic. The Conference is the largest annual gathering of educational researchers in the United Kingdom and enables researchers and teachers to keep up-to-date on current ideas and new research initiatives. Many prominent researchers will be giving accounts of their current studies.

The theme of the Conference this year is *creating education through research*. In accordance with the broad aim of the Association contributors are being invited to show how their research, whether it be in classroom practice, institutional practice, local policy, national policy, international pedagogy, or other educational issues, can contribute to the improvement of educational practice and the general benefit of the community.

The Conference will run from midday Wednesday 28th August to midday Saturday 31st August. The programme will include reports from the four BERA Task Groups, about fifteen half-day symposia (some run in parallel), about fifty individual papers (again run in parallel groupings), the Presidential address, the Annual Dinner, the Stenhouse Lecture, a book exhibition, and a Nottingham social evening.

The full Conference costs £132 for members (£150 for non-members) and bookings must be made by 1st August. Alternatively bookings can be made for single days. The detailed programme will be available from 1st July and the Conference Booklet, including abstracts of all papers, will be posted to all attending two weeks before the Conference opens.

Further booking information can be obtained from: The Commercial Centre, Nottingham Polytechnic, Burton Street, Nottingham NG1 4BU. Tel: 0602 418418 ext. 2482 or 0602 296409 (direct line).

Enquiries about the programme should be directed to the Conference Organiser: Michael Bassey, Nottingham Polytechnic, Clifton Hall, Nottingham NG11 8NJ. Tel: 0602 486757 (direct line).

The provisional programme includes reports from:

BERA Task Group on Local Management of Schools

Convenor: Dr. Gwen Wallace, Derbyshire College of Higher Education

BERA Task Group on National Curriculum

Convenor: Dr. Harry Torrance, University of Sussex

BERA Task Group on Teacher Education

Convenor: David Hustler, Manchester Polytechnic

BERA Task Group on Assessment

Convenor: Dr. Caroline Gipps, Institute of Education, London

and half-day symposia on:

School Governorship

Convenor: Dr. Mike Golby, University of Exeter

School Improvement

Convenor: Professor Peter Mortimore, Institute of Education, London

School Industry Liaison

Convenors: Bob Roberts and John Dolan, Derbyshire College of Higher Education

Local Management of Schools

Convenor: Dr. Gwen Wallace, Derbyshire College of Higher Education

Change in Classroom Practice

Convenor: Dr. Hilary Constable, Sunderland Polytechnic

Values in Curriculum Policy Analysis

Convenor: Gwynne Edwards, Goldsmith College, London

Supply Teaching in English Schools

Convenor: Dr. Marlene Morrison, University of Warwick

National Curriculum Policy Analysis

Convenor: Richard Bowe, King's College, London

Personal Theories in Reflective Practice

Convenor: Dr. Sarah Tann, Oxford Polytechnic

Action Research and School Management

Convenor: Dr. Pam Lomax, Kingston Polytechnic

Equality, Prejudice and Educational Success

Convenor: Dr. Morwenna Griffiths, University of Nottingham

The European Dimension in Primary Education

Convenor: Professor Gordon Bell, Nottingham Polytechnic

Science: from Pupil Power to Public Understanding

Convenor: Dr. Mike Watts, Roehampton Institute

Interface between Qualitative and Quantitative Research

Convenor: Dr. Bernadette Robinson, Open University

International Studies of the Transition from School to Work

Convenor: Dr. Karen Evans, University of Surrey

Educational Research and its Impact on School and LEA Policy

Convenor: Hugh Busher, Loughborough University of Technology

Action Research, Theory and the Politics of Educational Knowledge

Convenor: Jack Whitehead, University of Bath

Library Use and Information Skills in Primary, Secondary and Further Education

Convenor: Professor Robert Burgess and Dr. Helen Phtiaka, University of Warwick

It is expected that in addition to the symposia papers there will be about 50 individual papers presented. The closing date for submission is 30th April.