

NW5 meeting at ECER, Glasgow, 24 August 2023

The meeting developed further themes and ideas discussed at the pre-conference network meeting held on 31 May 2023. It focused on three key areas:

Publication strategy

We had received a proposal to develop a Special Issue for *Education, Society & Cultures*, structured around the three NW5 symposia held at ECER 2023, supplemented by papers developed from other presentations. In addition, we are developing a proposal for a *Handbook of Children and Youth at Risk and Education*, for which the network convenors will disseminate a call for expressions of interest during the Autumn. There was enthusiasm for this both these developments. Work that had been suggested at the meeting in May to explore and catalogue research interests and methodologies in the network (including historically) would be useful in preparing the handbook.

Network name

As had been raised at previous network meetings, we discussed a proposal to update the name of the network to reflect the general reduction in researchers working on and in “urban education”, which was a key focus of the network for many years but is now potentially off-putting for researchers working in rural, coastal or other contexts. A suggestion to replace “urban education” with “place-based education” was felt to be too confusing and it was agreed that a more simple change to “Children and youth at risk and education” would be more appropriate and would help to maintain the network’s breadth of interest and keep it growing. Some network members felt this change risked potentially losing urban education researchers, something which could be mitigated by emphasising the importance of urban and other place-based approaches in the description. It was agreed that, as some longstanding network members were unable to attend the conference in Glasgow, the network would be consulted in Autumn 2023 with a view to entering a proposal to refine the network’s name.

Reviewing for ECER 2024

The network meeting featured a number of new members, many of whom agreed to act as reviewers for next year’s conference. In order to promote consistent practice, the link convenor agreed to contact all reviewers ahead of the reviewing period to address any questions or concerns they had and try to promote a consistent approach to reviewing.