ECER 2023: Glasgow

Network 18: Research in Sport Pedagogy – Network Meeting

Thursday 24th August 2023

AGENDA:		
1. Welcome from Network convenor and introduce the Network team	RS welcomed attendees to NW meeting and thanked them for their contributions to conference thus far, outlining how positive the sessions have been. Members of the convenor team present (OH, FC, GG) were reintroduced.	
	An attendance list was passed around. Attendees were as follows: Rachel Sandford, Oliver Hooper, Fiona Chambers, Göran Gerdin, Karin Redelius, Katarina Schenker, Susanne Linnér, Lars Bjørke, Jolanta Kilanowska, Marc Esser-Noethlichs, Kjersti Mordal Moen, Tonje Fjogstad Langnes, Shirley Gray, Anna Bryant, Joanne Hill, Paul McFlyn, Aimee MacDonald, Tom Quarmby, Naomi Harte, Jessica Scott, Andreas Isgren Karlsson, Emil Johansson, Corina van Doodewaard, Kirsten Petrie, Dillon Landi.	
2. Approval of Minutes from previous ECER meeting (Yerevan – Hybrid). Circulated via mailing list	No changes needed	
3. Overview of ECER 2023 and summary of NW18 contributions	 48 submissions, 2 redirects, 2 rejections (one a redirect) but advice given to authors. 4 papers withdrawn (2 ahead of conference, 2 at start) Mostly individual papers, 2 symposia, 1 workshop, Honorary Member talk. Programmes around themes (feedback on this) RS explained that this was the largest ECER ever and provided some statistics with regard to NW18 contributions. RS outlined that submission numbers to the NW were very good. These remained mostly individual papers but with a couple of symposia and a workshop. It was also noted that we had our first ever Honorary Member Keynote Lecture with Prof. Kathy Armour, the NW's inaugural honorary member. The theming of programme 	

	sessions received positive feedback, with members suggesting this had made for interesting discussions. It was also viewed positively having just three papers in a session, to avoid presenters having to rush.
4. EERA Updates	New EERA president come into post at Glasgow 2023 - Marit Honerød Hoveid
	Book series/journal (EERJ) – NW18 members encouraged to submit
	Blogs – we have 2 currently for NW18 but would like more
	ECER 2024 – Nicosia - 26-27 August (ECR) and 27-30 August. Theme: Education in an Age of Uncertainty: memory and hope for the future.
	RS provided general EERA updates to attendees including on the incoming president. RS outlined publication opportunities with and through EERA, namely the EERJ and EERA blogs. She also noted that Cyprus will host the next conference in 2024, with the venue being Nicosia. Members were encouraged to take a note of the conference dates and to encourage colleagues and PhD students to attend.
5. ECER 2023 Feedback	RS sought feedback from attendees on their experiences at ECER 2023 – both positive and negative. The following summarises the responses:
	Members generally felt that signage around the building was a little poor and many members had been lost.
	Members were also a little frustrated that lunches were not provided and that this has not been clearly communicated beforehand.
	Members also felt that it was odd to be provided with a conference bag that was empty.
	Members thought that the app was mostly useful but felt that there was much unnecessary email traffic that wasn't needed (or wanted).
	Members praised conference programming and felt this had been logical and thoughtful.
	Members thought the conference had been thought-provoking and provided a space for critical discussion.
	Members would have much preferred a physical conference programme.
	DL suggested having a pre-conference event that could be focused on mentoring – this could also include a 'Scholar lecture'. RS suggested this might be able to be added at the end of the ERC.
	DL also suggested having some form of awards (e.g., best paper, etc.)
	ECR members particularly praised having a 'NW room' where all sessions for the NW were held.

	 ECR members expressed that they would have liked for all sessions to have been recorded – both to aid with their own development and to catch up on presentations they were unable to get to (perhaps in other networks). CvD felt that the feedback on the abstract was positive and supportive and other members agreed with this. TQ discussed joints events between the respective NWs at BERA and EERA following a point by CvD that people generally choose to attend one or the other.
6. Next steps for NW18	 Change in NW18 leadership (RS stepping down, propose OH step up, FC move out of convenor team, looking for new members of this broader team) RS explained that she was stepping down as convenor and proposed that OH step up to this role for the next term, following the practice of previous Link Convenors and in agreement with other members of the convenor team. This suggestion was put to a vote and supported within the meeting – no objections were raised. She invited members to come and speak to her and OH to express an interest in becoming part of the convenor team. RS also advised that attendees could support the NW by acting as reviewers and to put their name forward for this if it would be of interest. Following the meeting, a number of people came forward as new members of the convenor team: Lars Bjørke, Corina van Doodewaard, Shirley Gray, Joanne Hill.
	 Joint sessions/special calls for ECER 2023 Following two successful joint sessions with NW08, RS suggested that we might look to organise more joint sessions with other NWs and to also put out more special calls, proposing that one might be centred around 'ECR reflections' on the future of the field – to encourage ECR participation in the main conference. She also asked for other contributions from members in attendance at the meeting. Suggestions were as follows: FC suggested that a <i>specialist symposium</i> might be one means by which we look to support this activity. She also suggested engaging with other conferences (e.g., AIESEP, BERA) and putting in EERA sessions at these. TQ proposed that there could be a 'best presentation' session that could be repeated after the conference, perhaps in collaboration with BERA. OH suggested that this could perhaps be focused on ECRs.

	 DL expressed that it would be useful to enhance diversity amongst the conference attendees. Members were asked to reflect on this and consider if there were contributors we might approach to present. OH reminded us that the 'local sessions' were a useful addition and could be reintroduced – this will be something to target for ECER 2024. GG expressed that it would be beneficial to extend our reach across Europe given that there's a predominance of scholars from the UK and the Nordic countries. Again, members were asked to consider if they knew researchers from other European countries who might be interested.
	Communication RS noted that the main form of communication was the mailing list and encouraged members to sign up to this if they weren't already. It was noted that this was perhaps not the most efficient form of communication, and it might be worth checking if there was another way of keeping members in touch with each other. RS/OH to discuss this with EERA office.
	Connections with other sigs/networks in other contexts (BERA, SERA, NERA etc.) RS noted that we had been looking to create more connections with other networks in national education organisations but that this had been impacted in recent years by the Covid pandemic. That said, some joint online sessions had been delivered and had been well attended. It was suggested we look to pick up with these conversations again, to help run events between conferences that can keep conversations going between researchers from different country contexts.
7. AOB	No AOB raised.

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