

STUDENT VOICE: Creating a Listening Culture

Conference

Tuesday 3 July 2007, 9.30-3.30
Dame Judith Professional Centre, Portsmouth PO6 3JL

Work to develop Student Voice in schools takes many forms but at its heart is the recognition that dialogue is central to meeting the needs of students of all ages. Creating ongoing opportunities for children and young people to discuss their learning and their life at school is key to keeping them engaged and motivated. However this work is not easy and more often than not requires a significant shift in the culture of the school.

This one-day conference for education professionals (teachers, support staff, senior leaders and local authority advisers) will discuss how to make participative approaches underpin the educational experience across the key stages. It will draw on national work of inspirational practitioners and projects in a range of schools. There will be a significant contribution from Portsmouth, where the University of Sussex has been working with the Local Authority and schools to put learners at the heart of decisions which affect their lives.

The aim of this event is to share ideas and approaches to enable practitioners to take Student Voice work forward in their own schools. It is part of a two-day event which includes a Student Voice Day for Portsmouth students.

Speakers to include:

Professor Michael Fielding, Institute of Education, University of London
Professor Helen Gunter, University of Manchester

Cost £45 (to include lunch and refreshments)

**For further information or to book a place please contact
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Outline Programme

- 9.30 Arrival and coffee
10.00 Welcome and Introduction
10.15 Keynote presentation – Professor Helen Gunter, University of Manchester
11.15 Workshops
12.30 Lunch (with stalls and a range of DVDs showing)
1.15 Student Voice in Portsmouth
1.45 Discussion: What questions does Student Voice work raise for you?
1.55 Workshops
3.00 Keynote presentation – Professor Michael Fielding, Institute of Education
3.30 Finish

Workshops/discussion groups

- Rights, Respect and Responsibilities *Ian Massey, Hampshire County Council*
- Inspiring Schools: Taking up the Challenge of Pupil Participation *Hiromi Yamashita, University of Birmingham*
- Student Learning Walks *Ingrid Cox and Ros Binge, Bolton schools*
- Student Voice in Early Years Education *speaker tbc*
- How do you achieve organisational change through Student Voice *Professor Michael Fielding, Institute of Education and Alison Peacock, The Wroxham School, Potters Bar*
- Personalising Learning through Student Voice *Nick Brown, University of Sussex*
- Students as Researchers *Carol Robinson, University of Sussex*
- Facilitating Student Voice in Portsmouth: Developing an ethos of respect *Graham O'Neil, City of Portsmouth Girls' School and Sion Reynolds, Mayfield School*
- Self Managed Learning Groups *Anne Gimson, University of Sussex and Alison Norton, St Luke's School, Portsmouth*
- Structures for Achieving Change: Student Councils, Council of Portsmouth Students and Students as Governors *Fiona Carnie, University of Sussex and David Hart, Portsmouth City Council.*

Booking Form

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**Cheques to be made payable to the University of Sussex and sent with the booking form to:
Elena Dennison, Arts D202, Sussex Institute, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9QQ**

Travel details will be sent.

Please advise of any special dietary requirements.

Places are limited and so you are advised to book early. Cancellations within 14 days of the event will not be refunded.