

# Press release

ANGEL Conference 2023, a major gathering for all those interested in research on Global Education and Learning, to be held in Paris on 19 & 20 June 2023

The Academic Network on Global Education and Learning (ANGEL), working in partnership with UNESCO<sup>1</sup>, have announced details of a major international conference focused on research related to Global Education and Learning, which will be held on the 19th and 20th June at UNESCO House in Paris, France. Bringing together academics, researchers, policymakers and practitioners, the event aims to build the profile of, and showcase important developments in Global Education & Learning, and the related educational approaches of Education for Sustainability, and Global Citizenship (GCED).

The conference, which has the theme of *'Global Education & Learning for a Just, Peaceful and Sustainable World*, will feature keynote presentations in French and English, and will be free to attend. Papers and presentations will cover all sectors of education, focusing on empirical based research, theoretical reflections or contributions on history or meta-analysis. Activities that promote and enrich connections between researchers, policymakers, and civil society organisations will also be prioritised, especially those which capitalise on the rare opportunity to gather face-to-face.

"There is increased interest by learners of all ages in global and sustainability issues, as evidenced by the steady increase in the volume of publications in these fields," says ANGEL project Chair Professor Douglas Bourn. "This international conference is a major opportunity to showcase current research and identify themes that could influence policymakers and put global and sustainability themes at the heart of education programmes around the world."

Global Education and Learning is a fast-growing area of educational research and practice, defined as *'education that enables people to reflect critically on the world and their place in it... empower(ing) people to understand, imagine, hope, and act to bring about a world of social and climate justice, peace, solidarity, equity and equality, planetary sustainability, and international understanding'*<sup>2</sup>. ANGEL, a partnership project founded by Global Education Network Europe and the IOE, UCL's Faculty of Education & Society, and supported by the UNESCO Chair in GCED in Higher Education at the University of Bologna, is a project with the primary aim of bringing together and providing services to all who have an interest in research that concerns and impacts this important cluster of educational approaches. ANGEL has more than 850 members in more than 80 countries and is co-funded by the European Union<sup>3</sup>.

Booking for the conference will open in early 2023, but it is possible to express interest via the project website [www.angel-network.net](http://www.angel-network.net). Those who are interested in presenting, or in running focused sessions at the conference will need to submit proposals by the 17 February.

## Links

- Conference webpage: [https://angel-network.net/ANGEL CON 2023](https://angel-network.net/ANGEL_CON_2023)
- Call for submissions: [https://angel-network.net/ANGEL 2023 Call](https://angel-network.net/ANGEL_2023_Call)

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2. [Declaration on Global Education in Europe to 2050](#)

3. The establishment of this network and website has been made possible with funding support from the European Commission. The activities and publications of the network are the responsibilities of the organisers, the Development Education Research Centre, and can in no way be seen as reflecting the views of the European Commission.