

Institute of Education



# ACADEMIC NETWORK ON GLOBAL EDUCATION AND LEARNING

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## **Aims and scope**

The Development Education Research Centre of University College London –Institute of Education (UCL-IOE) will act as the co-ordinating organisation for the network and represent the network at appropriate global education fora. It will be constituted on an informal basis. It does not have a formal legal status

The main focus of the network is to act as a forum for academics and researchers engaged in global education, to share their research and to act as a reference point for policy-makers in global education. It will produce appropriate policy briefings and updates of current research and recent publications for the network and policy-makers in Europe and beyond.

In particular the network will:

- Facilitate connections between its members to help to improve Global Education research across Europe.
- Facilitate contacts between members of the network and policymakers in the field of Global Education (including national ministries and agencies, European Commission officials with responsibility in the field).
- Maintain regular contact with Global Education Network Europe (GENE)
- Form a pool of experts with whom policymakers from national ministries and agencies, and international institutions can contact when, or in order to provide a stronger research background for policy development. This pool of experts might also become a resource for policymakers in their work of evaluation of programmes, strategies and policies.
- Seek to encourage dialogue between policymakers and researchers in order to encourage policy-makers are informed by research agendas and academics can be informed of priorities of policymakers
- Create and develop contacts between academics and researchers specialized in the field of Global Education and related issues.
- Facilitate collaborations and synergies between universities on Global Education related fields.
- Organise an annual research based conference on Global Education.
- Promote quality research and encourage dialogue and partnerships among young researchers, particularly at doctoral level.
- Disseminate relevant Global Education information through the events, website and social media.
- Establish appropriate thematic interest and working groups.
- Produce briefings and other documentation in partnership with GENE and its participating ministries, agencies and institutions as and when required.

### **Network structure:**

- Initially the network will have a minimal administrative structure which may become more formal after the first year.
- The DERC staff team will be responsible for overseeing the work of the network including providing administrative support and compiling appropriate research data.
- A steering committee will be formed comprising of representatives from DERC and GENE. This committee may consider expanding its membership to include representatives from the network and other international networks, appropriate

academic journals and at least one doctoral student. The chair of the network will be agreed between DERC and GENE.

**Thematic Work groups:** with two Elective convenors each, created on the stimulus of members on thematic areas suggested by the assembly during the meetings

### **Membership**

The members of the network will be academics and researchers with expertise in the field of Global Education, Global Citizenship Education, Development Education and Education for Sustainable Development.

Academics and researchers who wish to join the network will need to complete an online questionnaire. This will then be checked by DERC staff in consultation with members of the Steering Committee to ensure they fulfil the agreed criteria.

For the first year of the network there will be no additional requests but after the first year, applicants to join the network will need to complete a detailed online questionnaire that can demonstrate their interest and expertise in global education.

There will be three type of members:

- 1) **Experts in Global Education** who have produced a range of publications and have been engaged in research in this field.
- 2) **Members who may have interest in Global Education** and related areas but do not see this area as the main focus of their academic work.
- 3) **Doctoral students and Post-Doctoral researchers** who are currently engaged in research in fields related to Global Education.

### **Regular events, activities**

Activities will be discussed by the assembly during the conference. However, at list two activities will be carried out on an annual basis:

- Annual conference (with pre-conference for students/young researchers)
- Policy briefing document for GENE associated ministries, agencies and institutions.

### **Funding**

The main source of funding for the network will come from the funding agreement with GENE. In addition, it is proposed a small membership fee is introduced for academics and researchers. The details of this fee will take account of the income levels of academics in different regions of the world. Doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers will not need to pay the fee. In return, members would receive mailings and have reduced fee rates for all conferences and events organized by the network.

The network may also consider seeking additional sources of funding to help with the production of appropriate materials, run conferences and events and collaborative research.

### **Communication**

A newsletter will be produced by the network twice a year

A social media platform will be established and a website will be created.

**Further details about the network and how to apply can be made to:**  
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