

How to research critical conversations in educational leadership?

A memorial event for Dr Anne Halsall, University of Aberdeen

To be held on:

Tuesday 26 April 2016 10am to 3.30pm

Hosted with thanks to:

Newcastle University

Organised jointly by:

BERA Leadership and Management SIG, BERA Research Methods SIG and BELMAS

Cost to attend:

£5 BERA and BELMAS members; £45 non-BERA members; Bursaries available for school-based colleagues local to Newcastle University

This event creates a space for leadership stories to be told and leadership issues to be raised, linked to accounts of different methodological approaches used to examine such accounts. Presenters have been invited to offer testimony yet to be researched as well as accounts of current research.

This will be a linked event with an early careers researcher innovative session included in the BERA Leeds 2016 conference. Both events are being planned to feed papers into a special issue, early 2017, of the BELMAS journal *Management in Education*.

Programme

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| 9.30am | Hot drinks |
| 10.00am | Welcome and introduction - Mr René Koglbauer , <i>Acting Head of Education, Communication and Language Sciences, Newcastle University</i> |
| 10.15am | Testimonials (short presentations, videos/posters) about contemporary educational leadership issues – <i>6 accepted titles covering early leadership, recruitment in special schools, experiences of deputy headship, the pressures of accountability, the impact of the PREVENT strategy and reflections on system leadership.</i> |
| 11.00am | Parallel workshops of studies:

Quantitative and Mixed Methods approaches - <i>3 accepted titles covering the study of Universities in school-University partnerships, surveys and focus groups when studying pupil leadership and a critical realist approach to examining educational policy</i> |

Qualitative approaches – 5 accepted titles covering *interactive analysis, narrative interviewing, interpretative phenomenological analysis and studies of ego development and leadership identity & agency.*

12.30pm

Lunch and networking

1.30pm

Keynote 'Researching Educational Leadership: Conceptual and Methodological Challenges'

This talk explores the new forms of educational leadership that are emerging in response to social, cultural, political, and economic changes internationally. It considers some of the challenges for research and for the professional development of current and aspiring educational leaders.

Professor Sue Robson, *School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences, Newcastle University*

2.30pm

Panel debate about the kinds of evidence being generated by educational leadership researchers to propose future directions for inquiry

Panel members - **Professor Miriam David**, *UCL Institute of Education*, **Dr Victoria Showunmi**, *UCL Institute of Education* **Professor Liz Todd**, *School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences, Newcastle University* (Chair: **Dr Alison Fox**, *School of Education, University of Leicester*).

3.30pm

Departure